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Executive Dept.
Dec. 31st 1849.

Sir,

Your nomination for the Office of Sec: of State of Texas was presented to the Hon.l the Senate on the 28th Inst. and was by that body unanimously confirmed on the succeeding day (29 Inst:)

After taking the Official Oath, you will without delay enter upon the discharge of your proper duties.

With the highest respect.

(signed) P. H. Bell
Governor &c

Hon.l James Webb

I James Webb do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Secretary of State of the State of Texas, according to the best of my Skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and Laws of this State and of the United States: And I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State by the Congress of the United States, I, being a Citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this State, nor out of it: nor have I sent or accepted a Challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a Challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending: So help me God.

(signed) James Webb

Sworn to before me
This 31st day of December 1849
(signed) R. T. Wheeler
Associate Justice, Sup. Court

Record of Official Documents, Correspondence &c. of the State Department, Commencing with the Administration of Governor Bell.

Resolution of the House of Repˢ Calling for information

House of Representatives
Austin January 5th 1850

To the Hon: James Webb
Secretary of State.
Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a Copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hon. the House of Representatives on yesterday.

"Resolved, That the Secretary of State be respectfully requested to furnish this House with such information as he may have in his possession in regard to the situation, location &c of fifty Leagues of land granted by the late Republic of Texas for the benefit of an Eastern and Western University"

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) Benj: F. Hill
Ch: Clk H.R

Reply

Secretary of States Office
Austin January 7th 1850

To the Honorable
The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Undersigned, Secretary of State, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Resolution passed by your Honorable body, Calling upon him for "such information as he may have in his possession in regard to the situation, location &c of fifty Leagues of land granted by the late Republic of Texas for the benefit of an Eastern & Western University".

After a thorough examination of all the Archives & Records of this Office, he has been unable to find a single document or letter in reference to the subject matter of the Resolution. He has however, ascertained by enquiry at the General Land Office that forty four Leagues of the University Lands have been located and surveyed, thirty five of which are in the Fannin District, and nine

in the Robertson District. The field notes of three forty four leagues are now on file in the General Land Office.

There were also eight other leagues located in the Nacog-doches District, the field notes of which have been withdrawn in consequence of defects discovered in the surveys; and it repre-sented that the most of the lands embraced within the locations of these eight leagues are covered by other surveys. .

The Undersigned, has the honor to be,
very Respectfully,
Your Obd't. Serv't.
James W. Lee

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas it is provided by the Constitution. "In order to settle permanently the Seat of Government, an Election shall be held throughout the State, on the first Monday in March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, which shall be conducted according to law; at which time the people shall vote for such place as they may see proper for the Seat of Government."

Therefore, be it known that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Gover-nor of the State of Texas, do hereby in the name and by the Au-thority of said State and the power in me vested, order and di-rect that an Election for the Seat of Government of said State be held in the several Counties, districts and precincts thereof, on the first Monday of March (1850) next ensuing. And it is further ordered, that the Chief Justices of the respective Counties give due notice of said Election (appointing County Officers where the same have not been appointed by the County Court) in the several pre-cincts, who will appoint the Judges and Clerks of said Election, and have the same conducted according to the Constitution and laws regulating Elections, and make due returns thereof to be transmitted to the Governor by the first Monday in June next.

Done at the City of Austin, the Seventh day of

Seal of the State of Texas

Nacogdoches, One thousand, Eight hundred and fifty; of the Independence of the United States the Seventy third, and of Texas the Eleventh year.

(Signed) P. H. Bell

By the Governor

(Signed) James Webb

Secretary of State

The foregoing proclamation was sent to the Chief Justice of each County in the State - It was also forwarded to the following News papers for publication in the State = Rusk Pioneer Cherokee County, Aegis of Texas - Rusk Co. - Northern Standard, Red River Co. = Paper in Paris, Lamar Co. Bonham Advertiser = Patillo's Paper, Marshal, Harrison County - Union, San Augustine = Nacogdoches Times, Nacogdoches - Huntsville Banner, Walker Co. = Paper at Palestine, Anderson Co. = News and Civilian Galveston = Telegraph Houston, Harris Co. - The Lone Star Brenham & Texas Ranger Washington, Washington Co. - Matagorda Tribune = Victoria Advocate = Western Texian San Antonio = Corpus Christi Star. Nueces Co. - Brownsville Flag, Cameron Co. and Zeitung, a German paper at Galveston -

J.W.

Instructions
to Robt S.
Neighbors Esq
Com.rs to Organ
ize Counties of
Presidio &c

Department of State
Austin January 8th 1850

Maj.r Robert S. Neighbors,
&c. &c.

His Excellency the Governor,
having, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,
appointed you Commissioner under an Act to provide for
the Civil Organization of the Counties of Presidio, El Paso,
Worth and Bexar &c. I have the honor herewith to hand you
your Commission, together with Copies of the Constitution and
Laws of the State, and of the late Republic, and such other
documents and forms as are necessary to aid you in the
discharge of the duties devolving upon you, a list of which
is appended to this Communication.

Also hand you the address of his Excellency to the
inhabitants of those Counties, which you will cause to be
circulated as extensively as possible. The provisions of the accom-
panying Act, the advice it enjoins to pursue the happiness of the
people, and the determination it evinces to protect them in the
enjoyment of their legal and Constitutional rights, must ren-
der it dear to and popular with all who are true,
for the first time, to enjoy under the Control of a Government
and laws, of which they have heretofore had but little knowledge.
and prepare them for a ready acquiescence in the duties which
you have to perform.

Upon your arrival in each County, after ascertaining
the object of your Mission, you will proceed to lay it officially
before and obtain from the Magistrates, Governing in those Counties
of the inhabitants in proceeding thereon, and appoint for each a
Presiding Officer to superintend the elections to order
elected for a Chief Justice of the County Court, a Clerk of the
District, and Clerk of the County Court, a Sheriff, a Treasurer, an
Assessor and Collector of Taxes, and a Justice of the Peace and
Constable for each Justices Precinct, to each of which entire-
ly and Specifically, upon your giving a certificate of election,
which shall vest them with and entitle them to the Powers conferred by this Act.

In directing and Presiding these elections you will see
that the Law upon the subject is duly complied with. Should the
Sheriff or Clerk not be duly qualified by the time of their election,

The statute requires you to administer the oaths of office to the Officers elected, and to take the bonds of such as are required by law to give bond. The official oath you will find in the first section of the Schedule of the Constitution of the State, prescribed in the Revised Laws of 1868.

The Officers required to give bond are the Clerk of the District Court, the Sheriff (See Laws of 1866 page 204) Clerk of the County Court (Same Laws p. 330) Assessor, (Same Laws p. 265) Coroner, (Same p. 184 & p. 358) Constables (Same p. 261) and Assessor and Collector of Taxes (Laws 1868 p. 196) -

After the sureties and electors thereto have been sworn, the law requires you to have them recorded in the County by the Clerk of the County Court - I would also advise you to have the names of all Officers elected and qualified, registered by the Clerk of the County Court in his Office, so that at all times any person by applying to him, can see the legal Officers of the County.

I have furnished you with four Copies of the Constitution and Laws of the State, four Copies of the Constitution and Laws of the late Republic (except the 9th Volume which is not in the Aforesaid) and four Copies of the Ordinances and Decrees of the Provisional Government in English; also four Copies of the Constitution and most important General Laws of the State, passed at the Sessions of 1866 & 1868 and four Copies of the Constitution of the late Republic and of the Laws of 1866 in Spanish, and also four Copies of the Laws of Montezuma & Santa Barbara in English and Spanish - Also furnish you with three countersigned Copies of the Act creating the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt and Klamath, and one countersigned Copy of the Act defining the boundary of the County of Klamath - One Copy of each of these Laws you will deposit with the Clerk of the County Court of each County for the use of the Officers and citizens.

Also furnish you with one countersigned Copy of the Laws which you are to distribute - Your own use, Eighty Copies (Forty each Sess.) of the Laws Act, and the Laws regulating Elections printed in Spanish. and Forty Copies in Spanish and twenty in English of the Governors Proclamation ordering an election for the Seat of Government, which you will cause to be properly distributed -

You will also find among the documents, the Laws of this State which you are to have given each Officer as he is required by Law to give Bond, the Proclamation of Governor fixing an Election to be held in the several Districts to elect Officers and the Laws regulating Elections - You will also find forms of Returns which you are required to make

with you a sufficient quantity of Stationary to answer your purposes.

In giving these instructions, I have only attempted to point out to you the most prominent duties you are required to perform, but you will find the laws and your own judgment, at all times, your best guides.

The great importance of an early Organization of these Counties, and the dissemination of the laws among the people as far as is practicable, addresses itself so readily to the mind, that the Executive deems it unnecessary to urge upon you the necessity of entering upon the duties assigned you as early, and of prosecuting them as promptly as Circumstances will permit – In your intercourse with the inhabitants, the Executive is satisfied, that while acting with firmness and decision, you will observe that mildness and Courtesy of manner which is so well calculated to inspire Confidence and esteem, & remove all prejudices which may heretofore have existed in respect to the Government, and our people as a race –

Wishing you health and success in your undertaking.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

Your Obd.t Serv.t

James Webb

Schedule of Laws, documents &c furnished to Robert S. Neighbors Esq.r, Commissioner appointed to Organize the Counties of Presidio, El Paso, Worth, and Santa Fe –

1 4 Copies of the Laws of Coahuila & Texas printed in the Spanish and English languages.

2 4 Copies of the Ordinances and decrees of the Provisional Government of Texas, in English.

3 4 Copies of the Constitution and laws of the late Republic except Vol. 9 (not in the Department) in English.

4 4 Copies of the Constitution of the late Republic and the laws of 1836, printed in Spanish.

5 4 Copies of the Constitution of the State, and ~~important~~ general laws of 1846 & 1848, printed in Spanish.

6 4 Copies of the Constitution of the State & the laws of 1846 & 1848, in English, including the Constitution of the United States.

7 3 Manuscript Copies of the act creating the Counties of Presidio, El Paso and Worth.

8 1 Manuscript Copy of the act defining the boundaries of the County of Santa Fe'.

9 1 Manuscript Copy of the act to provide for the Civil Organization of the Counties of Presidio, El Paso, Worth, and Santa Fe'.

10 80 Copies of the last above mentions act, printed in Spanish.

11 80 Copies of the law regulating elections, in Spanish.

12 40 Copies in Spanish & 20 Copies in English of the Governors Proclamation Ordering an election for the Seat of Government.

13 160 Copies in Spanish, & like number in English of the Governors address to the inhabitants of the Counties to be Organized.

14 Commission, and instructions from Department.

15 Forms of Official bonds, election returns &c.

16 4 forms of bonds for Assessors and Collectors, one to be filed with the Clerk of the County Court of each County.

17 4 Sets of instructions from the Comptroller to the Assessors & Collectors, one set for each County.

18 4 Circulars issued by the Comptroller to Assessors.

19 4 Complete sets of forms for assessments, and the returns of Assessors &c, one full set marked A. & B. for each County.

20 4 forms of deeds &c to be executed by Assessors, when property is sold for taxes - one for each County.

21 One general Circular from Comptrollers Office for the use of the Commissioner.

Address of the Governor to the Citizens of the Counties of Presidio, El Paso, Worth and Santa Fe', referred to in the instructions.

Executive Department
January 5th 1850

To the Citizens of the Counties of
Presidio, El Paso, Worth, & Santa Fe'.

As the Chief Executive Magistrate of your State it becomes my duty to address you, with a view of drawing your attention as citizens within its limits to the relation which you bear in common with the Citizens of Every other portion of the country, to the institutions and laws which govern us, and to acquaint you with the nature and ex-

Secretary Seward of the Democratic Convention about to be introduced arrived here.

Secrets refuse the invitations of the Party until Lincoln Speech. Secretary Seward said Democratic Party defeated by disagreeing Views and each Party nominate their Ticket Democrats should be entitled to Some People who would Consider them to support all the Democratic Nominees to Govt Next Presidential Election. That the Democrats Elect with Some Secessionists Ticket as our State Government to carry out is a Guarantee Secession- the Reason which the Democratic Party of Illinois Secessionist and Secretary Seward did Not Carry Sentiments of the Secretary. This object to Secretly the Secessionists of a State Nominated Democrat Secessionist to Hold a National Convention which can Not be held, unless Some Democratic Governors call the Democratic Party together Nominate Democrats and Secessionists to Run on the Same Ticket Democrats to Support Secessionists Democrats Secessionists to Support Democrats Democrats Secessionists Democrats Secessionists Democrats Secessionists

are powered to give a Corresponding notice is charged to bear you
a Resolution and Carry effectively to others which have existed
the circumstances of time, and to proceed to give in the name of our
State, the other bearers of power, with the best wishes of her
people, for the happiness and prosperity of our fellow citizens
on the Pacific Ocean.

We desiring which you sincerely have at an early day
during new existence as a Republic, marked and depicted as
enclosed within the proper limits of which, and it now
becomes necessary to extend full jurisdiction over it, in establi-
shing new Boundary and for the advantages which will
accrue to the inhabitants. Your advantages are secured in the
Constitution which we send you, and the laws which have
been made in strict conformity to it. It is our sentiment
which the people themselves, in their sovereign capacity, used after
due deliberation, have chosen as best suited to secure to them
peace, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and reserving
therein the power to alter or abolish it, whenever it fails to secure
the end, for which it was established. All the specified prin-
-ciples which pervade our code desire in their effects to secure
a social compact for the benefit of all, and to the exclu-
-sive of none, are sustained in their sentiment. It imposes
no restrictions upon discriminate or conscientious con-
-duct such as are enjoined by morality and virtue. The good
citizen will find under it a shield and defence, the
virtuous are his security. All, without discrimination
are allowed to worship God, according to the dictates of their
conscience, and at such place, and in the manner they
may deem right; and it is for the duty of the Law-
-making power to keep laws that each human simple pro-
-tection ensured all religious observances, whose worship
differs, of the their own particular mode. Safety to the
person and property of the citizens is guaranteed under
the Constitution, and every one has a right to be heard by
himself, or by Counsel. Specific penalties cannot be imposed
by ex post facto laws, nor excessive punishments inflicted;
and no citizen can be deprived of his life, liberty,
settlement or estate, without trial by Jury.

These are some of the outlines principles
of Legislation, according to which [illegible] by them, through the favor

a Commission of Inquiry, one Third of the Members of which
must be Members from each House to be appointed
by the Governor with the Advice and Consent of the Council
of the said State for the Purpose aforesaid

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that
the said Commissioners or any two of them shall have Power
to call before them any Person or Persons whom they shall
think proper to examine touching the Premises aforesaid, and
to require him or them to produce any Papers or Writings
in his or their Custody or Power relating thereto, and
to administer to him or them an Oath or Oaths for the
true Discovery thereof, and if any Person or Persons
shall refuse to appear before the said Commissioners
when duly summoned for that Purpose, or shall refuse
to produce any Papers or Writings in his or their Custody
or Power relating to the Premises, or shall refuse to
take such Oath or Oaths as the said Commissioners
shall require him or them to take for the Purpose
aforesaid, every Person so offending shall forfeit
to the People of this State the Sum of

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that
the said Commissioners shall have Power to send for
Persons and Papers, and to examine Witnesses upon
Oath touching the Premises, and shall report
to the Legislature of this State at the next
Session thereof the Result of their Inquiry
and Proceedings, with such Observations
thereon as they shall think proper

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that
the said Commissioners shall have Power to
employ such Clerks as they shall think
necessary, and to allow them such
reasonable Salaries as they shall
think proper, not exceeding

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The following is a Circular addressed to the Chief Justices of the several Counties in this State.—

Department of State
Austin Feb 1st 1850—

To the Hon: the Chief Justice
of
Dear

To enable this Department to keep a correct register of the vacancies of the several County Offices, and to forward to them their appropriate Commissions, it is essential that the Chief Justices keep it constantly advised of the elections, qualifications, resignations, removals and deaths of those who are elected to Offices in their respective Counties.

When Elections are held to fill vacancies occasioned by resignations, removals or deaths, the returns should not only give the name of the person elected, but also the manner in which vacancy is filled, and date the time of the election and qualification, and when the vacancy occurred.

The law requires the Secretary of State to notify the Chief Justices of the Appointment of Notaries Public in their respective Counties, in order that they may take the bonds and administer the oaths required. In Comply with this provision, the Department will, in all instances forward to the Chief Justice a letter of appointment to be delivered by him to the person appointed, after he shall have qualified. This letter will enable the Notary to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, but regular Commissions will not issue until the return of the Chief Justice is received, showing that he is qualified.

Upon examining the Register heretofore kept in the Department, I find a number of instances, in which there is no return, evidencing the qualifications of the Officers, and dates when vacancies have respectively occurred, in the offices of Notaries Public; which have not been reported. Your attention is therefore respectfully, but earnestly called to the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obd't Servt.
Geo. W. Smith
Secretary.

Approved.

A letter of the following circular sent to the Chief Justices of each County, with the Commissions or letters of appointment of such Officers as were appointed by the Governor and agreed to qualify before ordering copies the declaration of their duties.

Secretary of State Office
Austin

Sir

Enclosed herewith you will receive Commissions for

which you will please deliver to after shall have duly qualified, and given bond, in Conformity to the Statute, but not otherwise. See Laws of Legislature, page

Immediately after the said shall have qualified according to law, you will please not fail to notify this office of the fact, carefully specifying the date of said qualification

In the event of the resignation, death, removal, or failure to qualify, of any County Officers of your County, Commissioned by the Governor, you will please also advise this Office of the fact without delay. This Course is indispensably necessary to enable the Secretary of State to make the proper entries in the Official Register which he is required to keep.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
(Signed)
James Webb

To the Honorable, the Chief Justice of Brazoria.

From Secretary of State to Governor Bell

Department of State
Austin 29th January 1850

To His Excellency.
P. H. Bell.
Governor &c
Sir-

I have the honor to state to your Excellency, and through you to the Hon. the Legislature, that Charles DeMorse Esqr. Editor of the Northern Standard, has presented his account to this Department, for printing the Journals of the first session of the Legislature (1846) in which he claims that there is a balance due him of $1192.62-

Mr DeMorse contracted to print the House Journals of that session for one half cent per page- The Senate Journals have been delivered and paid for, say $1280. He has also been paid $922.62 in part for printing the House journals, making the aggregate sum paid $2202.62. By an examination at the Comptrollers Office, I find that my predecessor Mr Miller approves Mr DeMorse's account for $3120. on which would leave a balance due him of $917.38. In arriving at this amount Mr Miller calculates the House Journals at 736 pages per volume, but Mr DeMorse claims for 846 pages, including the Appendix; and this difference in the number of pages upon which the calculation is based, produced the discrepancy between the amount claimed and that allowed in the Approved account.

Mr DeMorse represents that the House Journals are now completed and ready for delivery, but says that an additional appropriation of about $90. will be required to pay the postage in distributing them

The appropriations heretofore made for printing and distributing the laws and journals are entirely exhausted, and nothing can be done by this Department in reference thereto, until a further appropriation is made.

Whilst on this subject I think it proper to say to your Excellency that there is a balance due to Buchanan, Esqr. Editor of the Zeitung for printing the Constitution of the State. and some of the General laws of 1846 & 1848. in the German language. These laws were translated and printed in German in accordance with a Contract made by my predecessor under the direction of his late Excellency Gov. Wood

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Sert
(Signed) James Webb
Secty of State

Department of State
Austin March 1st 1850

John Sevy Esq
Houston-
Sir

Yours of the 21st ult. is just received.
If your resignation of the Office of Notary Public for Harris County was directed to me, it has not come to hand; and if directed to any predecessor, it probably was received too short a time before he went out of office to be acted upon. At all events it has not been acted upon, and as you now desire to withdraw it, and continue in the Office, it will be considered by the Department (should it hereafter come to hand) as not having been tendered.
Respectfully
Your Obt. Sert.
James Webb

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Department of State
Austin 1 March 1850

Dear Sir,

By a joint resolution passes at the late Session of the Legislature, the Secretary of State is requires to Cause certain Spanish documents said to have been found in the Office of the former Political Chief of the Department, and the Alcaldes of the Municipality of Nacogdoches, which are deposites in your Office, to be delivered to his Order for the purpose of being places in the State Department for safe Keeping and examination.

You are therefore requested to forward these documents to this Department by some safe Conveyance, at the earliest practicable opportunity, taking the receipt of the person by whom they may be sent, and a bond for their safe delivery here. The Contract for bringing them, Cannot exceed fifty dollars including all expenses, as that is the amount of the appropriation made for the purpose.

Mr. W. B. Ewing has proposed to bring them on; he has Contracted with the Department to deliver the laws & journals in the Counties East of the Trinity, and I suppose will be a proper person to send them by, but before delivering them to him, it will be proper to require a bond from him, or any one else, to whom they may be delivered for their safe transmission, a duplicate of the receipts given for the documents, should be forwarded to this Department.

With great respect,
Your most Obd. Serv.t
James Webb
Secretary of State

To
The Clerk of the County Court
Nacogdoches County

Dept. Asst. Sec. State
Austin March 6, 1850

J. P. Dumas Esq.
County Surveyor
Grayson Co.

Sir

Yours of Feby. 4, was rec.d on Yesterday, and according to your request, I now enclose you the laws of the Republic for 1837 containing the General Laws laws. The printed Statutes of the first and second sessions of the Legislature of the State, are exhausted. I therefore am unable to furnish them. those of the third session will be sent to your County, so soon as the private Acts and journals are ready for distribution.

You speak of having written upon this subject before - if so, it was to my predecessor, as no communication Except the one I am now answering, has been received by me from you. -

Respectfully,
Your Obt. Sevt
James Webb

State Department, Texas
Austin April 12th 1850

John Swinglon Esq
New York
Sir

Your letter of Feby. 5th asking me to furnish you with a list of the names and places of residence of the Commissioners of deeds Appointed by the Governor of this (your) State, in all the other States and Territories of the U. States and "the names and places of residence of all the members of both Houses of the Legislature" for the purpose of being incorporated in an Official Directory which you are preparing for the press, was received a few days since, and I now have the pleasure of forwarding herewith to your address, the lists required.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully Your Obt. Sevt
James Webb

Department of State
Austin April 12th 1850.

Wm Spencer Esq. Dist
San Antonio

Dear Sir

According to your request I herewith send you a copy of the Laws in English. Am unable to furnish you with a copy in Spanish as they are not yet printed. You will, I presume, find in each of the Counties of your District all the Laws of the Republic & State, previous to those of the last Session, as I sent out by Major Neighbors as many copies for Each as he could take. I also send you one copy [2 vols] of the Reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court. By the Laws of the last Session directing the distribution of these Reports, I am not authorized to furnish the Sheriffs with them, but as two copies are directed to be furnished to Each County, I take the liberty of sending one of the copies for El Paso County, by you, which I presume will answer your purpose.

I am happy to hear that you are about setting out for El Paso, with a train which goes earlier than the Government Train. Wishing you a pleasant journey and success in your official Efforts,

I am with great respect,
Your Obt. Servt
James Webb

State of Texas

Whereas it has been made known to me that Henry Runge of the County of Galveston, in said State was at the Spring Term 1850, of the District Court of said County, indicted & was found guilty of the Offence of an assault upon the body of one Charles Eckhard with intent him the said Eckhard to kill & murder, and was by the Verdict of the Jury, and judgement of the Court, sentenced for said Offence to be punished by confinement in the Penitentiary of said State for the term of one year; and

Whereas it has also been made known to me, by the petition & remonstrance of the Honorable Judge before whom said indictment was tried & Many other

rendered said Verdict of the Attorney who prosecuted on the part of the State - of all the members of the Bar who attended said Court & entertained said cause - of all the officers of said Court and a large number of the most respectable Citizens of said County, and of other counties contiguous thereto, that the said Henry Berry has always heretofore born the character of a good, quiet, honorable man & law abiding Citizen, and was greatly provoked to the Commission of said offence by the said Charles McClark, and that said jury found said verdict contrary to their wishes & feelings, from the belief that the strict letter of the law had been violated; and

Whereas it is represented by all the persons aforesaid, in their said petition and recommendation that the said Henry Berry is a fit and proper subject for the exercise of Executive Clemency, they having petitioned and urged that he be entirely pardoned, pardoned and exonerated from his liability to the punishment ordered and adjudged by said Court in the aforesaid sentence,

Now Know all persons to whom these presents shall come, that I, P. Hamborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas aforesaid, by virtue of the power vested in me as vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, have, and do by these presents pardon the said Henry Berry for the offence aforesaid, and do acquit exonerate him from the punishment ordered and directed by said sentence, and from all penal consequences and liabilities resulting from said offence and conviction; and I do hereby order and command the Sheriff of said County of Cochran, or whatever other officer may have the said Henry Berry in Custody under and by virtue of said judgement and sentence of said District Court, of any, forthwith, upon the receipt of these presents, to discharge him the said Henry Berry from said Custody, and to permit him to go at large free from said judgement and sentence, and from all the penal consequences of said offence, and for so doing this shall be their sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this twelfth day of April Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and the seventy fourth year of the Independence of the United States, and of Texas, the fifteenth.

Signed, P. Hamborough Bell

By the Governor.

James Pratt

Secretary of State

Department of State
Austin April 22.d 1850

Wm. A. Neuy Esq.
Assessor & Collector.
Burleson County =

Sir.

In answer to your letter of the 15th inst:, enquiring as to the time, and who are the proper officers to taking the Census of 1850, I have to say, that the Assessors of the different Counties are the proper Officers, and that the enumeration is to be made at the time of Assessing the taxable property for the County. The returns must be in duplicate, one of which to be deposited in the County Clerks Office on or before the 2.d Monday in November, and the other forwarded to the Secretary of State. The returns must show, 1st the number of qualified electors; 2.d the number of white males over 18 and under 45 years of age; 3.d the number of white males under 18 years; 4th the number of white Males over 45 years; 5.th the number of White females; 6.th the number of Children under 18 and over 12 years; 7th the number of Children under 12 and over 6 years; 8.th the number of Children under 6 years; 9th the number of Slaves; and 10th the number of free persons of Color.

Respectfully,
Your Obd.t Serv.t
James Webb

Department of State
Austin May 1st 1850

Hon C. A. Hopkins

Sir

At the request of Major Neighbors, I send you by a train for El Paso Commissions for all the Officers recently elected in your County and for four Notaries Public, appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

The Notarial Commissions you will please not deliver until the individuals named have qualified according to law by taking the Oath of Office, and filing the requisite bond with the Clerk of the County Court. The law upon the subject you will find in the Acts of 1846 p. 341.

I also send you as many of the laws of the late Republic as I could venture by this conveyance with any hope of their reaching you. I could have desired to send a full set for each officer in the County, but the bulk would have been so great as to have rendered it doubtful whether any would have reached their destination. The Acts of the State Legislature of 1846 and 1848, printed in English are exhausted. I have however mustered up a copy of each, which by being deposited in the Clerks Office can be referred to by various Officers and Citizens desirous of ascertaining them. The Acts of 1850 I have sent a supply of. I have also sent several copies of the Constitution of the Republic and State and of the General Laws of 1846 and 1848, printed in Spanish, and the Laws of the last Session for the investigation of Land titles on the Rio Grande, and for the protection of the settlers in those Counties from location until their titles are adjudicated. The Spanish copies of these Laws are put up separately. You will find them printed in English at page 1444 and 1467 of the Acts of 1857.

You will please see that all these Laws are distributed to the best advantage for the information of the Officers and people of your County.

You will find at page 161 of the Laws of 1850, "An Act, supplementary to the former Act, regulating Elections" By one of its provisions there is to be an Election holden on the first Monday in August next, for the Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Commissioner of

the General Land Office and a District Attorney. As the Proclamation of his Excellency the Gover-nor ordering this Election will not, probably, reach you in time, I am directed by him to state that you will regard this letter as full authority to order the Election in your County at the time, and for the Officers Specified. The Election will be conducted, and the returns made according to law.

I have the Honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
James Webb
Secretary

Chief Justice
El Paso

By the Governor of the State of Texas
A Proclamation

Whereas by an Act of the Legislature approved February 9th 1850 it is required that an Election be held on the first Monday in August next in the Twelfth Judicial District for a District Judge and a District Attorney in the said District.

Now, therefore, be it known that I. P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that the Chief Justices of the several Counties composing the Twelfth Judicial District, Court of the Counties, Starr

Webb and Kinney and in case of vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties on the said first monday (the fifth day) of August next, for the election as aforesaid of a District Judge and District Attorney, and due returns thereof be made to the Chief Justice of Starr County according to law. endorsed "Election Returns of County for District Judge and District Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District." and the said Chief Justice of Starr County shall, on the receipt of said returns promptly transmit the same to the Seat of Government directed to the Secretary of State

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed

Done at the City of Austin the fourteenth day of May A.D. Eighteen hundred and fifty- of the Independence of the United States the Seventy fourth and of Texas the fifteenth year

(Signed) P.H. Bell

L.S.

By the Governor

James Webb

Secretary of State

State of Texas

Whereas it has been made known to me, that Henry Runge of the County of Calhoun in said State, was at the Spring term 1850 of the District Court of said County, convicted, tried and found guilty of the Offence of an Assault upon the body of one Charles Eckhart, with the intent him the said Eckhart to kill and murder, and was by the verdict of the jury and judgment

By the Governor of the State of Texas
A Proclamation

Whereas by an Act of the Legislature, approved Feby 11. 1850 it is provided that an election shall be held, on the first Monday in August next, for an Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer: Now therefore be it known that I. P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that polls be opened at the several precincts of the respective Counties in this State on the first Monday (the fifth day) of August next, for the election by ballot of Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer. The Chief Justices of the several Counties, (and in case of vacancy of the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) will accordingly give due notice, and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties on the fifth day of August next, for the election aforesaid of Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer of this State. The Chief Justices aforesaid, or the County Commissioners, in cases wherein they are authorized by law to discharge the duties of Chief Justices of the several Counties of this State will promptly make duplicate returns of the Election for the above named officers, carefully sealed up, one of which will be transmitted by them to the Seat of Government directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election Returns of County, for ," and the other deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties. And

Whereas, by the aforesaid Act it is also required that an Election be held, at the same time for one District Attorney, for each Judicial District of this State: Therefore I do hereby further order and direct that the Chief Justices, or inability of that Officer (Act) in case of vacancy or inability of that Officer to Act,) then any two of the County Commissioners) of the Counties comprising the respective Judicial Districts of this State, give due notice and cause polls to be opened, as aforesaid at the several precincts of their respective Counties for the election of one District Attorney in their respective Judicial Districts.

For

For the 1st Judicial District composed of the Counties of Matagorda, Wharton, Colorado, Austin, Fort Bend, Brazoria and Galveston:

For the 2d Judicial District composed of the Counties of Comal, Guadalupe, Fayette, Bastrop, Travis, Caldwell, Hays and Williamson:

For the 3d Judicial District composed of the Counties of Washington, Leon, Brazos, Limestone, Robertson, Milam and Burleson:

For the 4th Judicial District, composed of the Counties of Nueces, San Patricio, Refugio, Bexar, Medina, Uvalde and Gillespie:

For the 5th Judicial District composed of the Counties of Nacogdoches, Shelby, Angelina, Sabine, San Augustine, Jasper and Newton:

For the 6th Judicial District, composed of the Counties of Cass, Upshur, Wood, Smith, Cherokee, Rusk, Panola, and Harrison:

For the 7th Judicial District, composed of the Counties of Harris, Montgomery, Walker, Grimes, Liberty, Polk, Tyler, Jefferson and Trinity:

For the 8th Judicial District, composed of the Counties of Bowie, Titus, Hopkins, Hunt, Collin, Denton, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar and Red River:

For the 9th Judicial District, composed of the Counties of Houston, Anderson, Van Zandt, Kaufman, Navarro, Ellis, Jarrad & Dallas.

For the 10th Judicial District, composed of the Counties of Gonzales, Calhoun, Jackson, Victoria, Lavaca, DeWitt and Goliad— and

For the 11th Judicial District composed of the Counties Presidio, El Paso, Worth and Santa Fe—

And the Chief Justices, or the County Commissioners (in Cases wherein they are authorized by law to discharge the duties of Chief Justice of the several Counties in said Judicial Districts) will promptly make duplicate returns of the Election held in their respective Counties for the election of a District Attorney, as aforesaid, carefully sealed up, one of which returns will be carefully sealed up transmitted by them to the Seat of Government directed to the Secretary of State

and Endorsed "Election Returns of County for District Attorney for the Judicial District" and the other depositories in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court, of their respective Counties.

And whereas by an Act of the Legislature approved March 20. 1848. it is required that an Election be holden on the first Monday in August next, in the several Counties of this State, for one Chief Justice, Four County Commissioners, One Sheriff, One Coroner, one County Clerk, One District Clerk, two Justices of the peace and one Constable for each Justices precinct and such other County Officers as are or may be required by law to be elected by the people:

And whereas it is further provided by an Act of the Legislature, approved Jan. 26 1850 that an Election shall be held, at the same time, in Each County of this State for a County Treasurer:

Therefore I do hereby further order and direct that an Election be held in each and Every County of this State, (except in such of the new Counties as may have previously elected County Officers) on the first Monday (the 5th day) of August next, for one Chief Justice, four County Commissioners, one Sheriff, one Coroner and one County Clerk, one District Clerk two Justices of the Peace and one Constable for Each Justices Precinct, one County Treasurer and also a District Surveyor in such of the Land Districts of this State as may then, under the Law, be required to be Elected, together with such other County Officers as are or may be required to be chosen by the people:

And it is further ordered and directed that the Chief Justices of the respective Counties (and in Case of Vacancy in that office or inability of the Chief Justice to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) give due notice of the said election and order the same according to law; appoint presiding Officers (where the same have not been appointed by the County Court) in the several precincts, who will appoint the Judges and Clerks of said Election, and have the same conducted according to law the Constitution and laws regulating Elections, and make due return thereof to the Department of State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand

and Caused the Great Seal of State to be affixed

Done at the City of Austin the

Twentieth day of May A.D. Eighteen

L.S. Hundred and fifty. of the Independence

of the United States the Seventy fourth

and of Texas the fifteenth year

By the Governor P. H. Bell

Thos H. Duval

Acty Secretary of State

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, A. G. Walker has resigned his seat in the State Legislature, as Senator for Senatorial District No. 4. Comprising the Counties of Grayson, Cooke, Denton, Dallas, Collin, Henderson Kaufman and VanZandt.

Therefore be it Known that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the Authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, hereby order and direct the Chief Justices of the several Counties above mentioned (and the case of vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or inability of said officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due and legal notice of not less than five nor more than ten days, for an Election to be holden on the first Monday (the fifth day) of August next at the several precincts in their respective Counties for a Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of A. G. Walker, and make due return thereof to the Chief Justice of Collin County (and in case of vacancy of the office of said Chief Justice of Collin County, or inability of said officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners)

wills give to the Senator Elect of said District the proper certificate of election, and make due return thereof, according to law, to the Secretary of State under the "Election returns for Senator of the 4th Senatorial District"

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed

Done at the City of Austin the thirty first day of May A. D. Eighteen hundred and fifty, of the Independence of the United States the seventy fourth and of Texas the fifteenth

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Act'g Secty of State

Department of State
Austin June 6. 1850.

Gentlemen

At the request of Governor Bell, I enclose to your care a package intended for Judge Hopkins of El Paso. It contains copies of the Proclamation (in English & Spanish) for the election of State and County Officers on the 5th of Aug.st next.

The Governor will be much obliged to you if you will place this package in the charge of some person going to El Paso, and if possible in that of some one who will reach there in advance of the train

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Sert
Thos. H. Duval
Act'g Secty of State

Messrs Lewis & Groesbeck
San Antonio

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Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, the Hon John T. Mills has resigned his seat as District Judge in and for the Eighth Judicial District of this State, composed of the Counties of Bowie, Titus Hopkins, Hunt, Collin, Denton, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar & Red River which resignation will take Effect and be in force from and after the 1st day of August next:

Now, therefore, Be it known, that I, J. Pinckney Henderson Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct, that the Chief Justices (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the several Counties composing the said Eighth Judicial District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties on the first monday (the fifth day) of August next, for the election of a District Judge to fill the vacancy which will have been occasioned by the resignation aforesaid.

And the Chief Justices (or in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the several Counties aforesaid will promptly make duplicate returns of the election held in their respective Counties for the election of a District Judge, as aforesaid, carefully sealed up, one of which returns will be sealed up & transmitted by them to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election Returns" of County for District Judge for the Eighth Judicial District" and the other deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed — Done at the City of Austin this the sixth day of June A.D. 1853. of the Independence of the United States the Seventy fourth, and of Texas the Fifteenth year —

J. P. Henderson

By the Governor (signed)
Geo. W. Flanagan
Secretary of State

State of Texas

Whereas it has been represented to me, that at the Spring Term, A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty of the District Court of Brazoria County, Edward Bourke, a citizen of said County, was found guilty of theft, and sentenced to one years imprisonment in the Penitentiary:

Now be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell Governor of the State of Texas, for divers satisfactory reasons to me made known, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of the said State, do hereby pardon and release the said Edward Bourke from the effects of said sentence, and direct his release therefrom. And I do hereby require the Clerk of the District Court of Brazoria County to make such entries on the records of said Court as to give full effect to this manifesto, and release the said Edward Bourke from the Sentence of imprisonment aforesaid.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State at the City of Austin, this the tenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand, Eight hundred and fifty one of the Independence of Texas the fifteenth

L.S.

Signed P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Geo. W. Bullock

Act'g Secretary of State

State of Texas

Whereas it has been represented to me, that at the Spring Term A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty, of the District Court of Ellis County, James M. Rook a citizen of said County, found guilty of murder one degree before Civil Court and sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars:

Now be it known that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, for satisfactory reasons, to me made known, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby remit the said fine of fifty dollars, and discharge the said James M. Rook from

[illegible] Clerk of the District Court of Tyler County is hereby directed and required to make such entries on the records of said Court as to give full effect to this recognition of the facts aforesaid

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State at the City of Austin this the twelfth day of June in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and of the Independence of Texas the fifteenth

L. S.

By the Governor (signed) E. M. Pease
Thos. H. Duval
Asst Secretary of State

Department of State
Austin June 23d 1850

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst has been referred by Governor Bell to this Department with the request that I would answer it.

Under a decision made by the Supreme Court of the State, at its last term, Jesse H. Nelson is entitled to hold the Office of District Clerk, until the expiration of four years from the date of his Election. It matters not if from the order under which he was elected, specifies that he was to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Baden. The Constitution fixes the term of the Office at four years, and when a man is elected to the Office, whether it be to fill a vacancy or not, he is entitled to hold it for four years. At least such is the principle established by the decision of the Supreme Court.

I am of opinion, therefore, that it would not be proper for you to order the election of a District Clerk, until Mr Nelson's full term has expired, unless with his consent. If an election was held without such consent, and another man elected, I believe that Mr Nelson would still be legally entitled to the Office until the end of four years from the date of his election in November 1846—

Very Respectfully,
Thos H. Duval C. S.

Wm H. Wm Cobb. U. S. Marshal &c.

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas in the opinion of the Executive the occasion has transpired since the adjournment of the Legislature, such as is contemplated in the Constitution, rendering it necessary and proper to convene the Legislature of the State in Extraordinary Session:

Now, therefore, I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, do by these presents hereby, convene the Senators and Representatives comprising the Legislature of this State, shall assemble in Special Session at the Capital in the City of Austin in the County of Travis, on the second Monday, (the 12th day) of August inst, to deliberate and take action upon, as their wisdom may direct, such matters as shall then and there be presented, involving the Honor and rights of the State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin this the first day of July, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and fifty one of the Independence of United States the seventy fourth and of Texas the fifteenth.

(L.S.)

By the Governor

P. H. Bell.

(Signed)

Wm. M. Dowal

Actg. Secty of State.

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, a Proclamation was issued by the Executive of this State on the 31st. of May last ordering an Election to be held on the first Monday in August next, for Senatorial District No. 14. for a Senator in place of the Hon. A. G. Walton resigned

And whereas, it has become necessary since that time that the Legislature of the State should be convened in Special Session on the second Monday in August next.

Now therefore in order that the Counties comprised in said Senatorial District No 14. may be represented at the Special Session aforesaid. I. P. Hamborough Bell. Governor of the State of Texas. do by virtue of the Authority in me vested hereby order and direct that the election of a Senator in said Senatorial District shall be holden on the 2d. day of July 1850. And the Chief Justices of the several Counties composing the said District. will give due and legal notice of said Election. and make returns thereof according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed. Done.

Done at the City of Austin this the 2d. day of July A.D. Eighteen hundred and fifty. of the Independence of the United States the Seventy fourth and of Texas the fifteenth

H.S.

By the Governor (Signed) P. H. Bell

Thos. H. Duval

Asst. Secretary of State

Department of State
Austin July 5 1850

Dear Sir

Your letter to me of June 13th accompanied by one to the Governor of the same date, came to hand a day or two since. Both have been submitted to him and he directs me to make out and forward Commissions of Notary Public to the two Gentlemen named by you, because he considers the appointments for your County not full, and because having confidence in you, he is satisfies with your recommendation. He directs me to say however, that he makes these appointments without reference to the one heretofore conferr'd on Mr Chambers. When that appointment was made, he was convinced that there were not in Liberty County, as many Notaries as she was entitled to under the laws; and being satisfied with the recommendations presented in behalf of Mr. Chambers, he communicated him to the Senate for the office, and that nomination was unanimously confirmed.

Upon an examination of the Register kept by my predecessor in this Department, the Governor ascertained that three of the Gentlemen in Liberty County to whom appointments of Notary has been offered, has not accepted, and consequently their names has not been sent to the Senate by Gov. Wood. The situations which they were invited to fill therefore, were as entirely vacant when Governor Bell came into Office as they would have been has letters of appointment never been made out or tendered to them. Indeed, had they accepted the appointments and qualified under them, their rights to the Offices, (the appointments being made during the recess) would have ceased to exist at the close of the preceeding Session of the Legislature, and the Governor who appointed them, was under no legal obligation to continue them in Office for a longer period by communicating them to the Senate. So far as the the three Gentlemen alluded to were concerned, it is presumed that neither Governor Wood nor Governor Bell would have had the slightest objection to their holding the Offices, had it been conferred that they desired it, but such a construction could not exist after the Chief Justice of the County had notified the Department that they had failed to qualify or accept, notwithstanding more

time a year had elapsed since the Officers were tendered to them. Never it was that Gov^r Wood declined communicating them to the Senate, & Governor Bell could not regard them as even having been in the Office, or as desiring to be in. The appointment of Mr Chambers therefore came out to fill a vacancy created by any one, as no one had preceded him in that Office. Nor will the appointment of Mr Hugh Jackson, now made, be to fill any vacancy as Mr Brazelton did not precede him, not having qualified under his appointment (except during the recess) while that appointment had any force, and not having been reappointed by a nomination to the Senate. But Mr James Jackson, he comes in legitimately as the successor of Mr Chambers, who qualified under his first appointment, and was afterwards nominated to the Senate by Governor Wood, & confirmed.

I do not recollect the conversation to which you allude as having occurred between you and myself last winter, but you must have misunderstood me if you supposed I intended to convey the idea that a man would, by qualifying under an appointment, the term of which had previously expired, be legitimately in Office. Mr Breckenridge's name not having been sent to the Senate, the term for which he was originally appointed (if a man can be said to be appointed who does not take the Office) expired at the close of the last Session, and consequently he could not qualify & act under it afterwards. My remark must have been, that so long as the right to the Office remained, the party might qualify and act, but not after the right had passed away.

I have perhaps been more prolix in this Explanation than was necessary. If so, I know you will pardon it, as my object is to remove a misapprehension under which, it strikes me, you are laboring in reference to this matter. I shall expect to have the pleasure of seeing you here shortly, as you are, no doubt, aware that the Governor has issued his Proclamation to convene the Legislature on the Second Monday in August Next. We may then expect the Santa Fe boundary & Compromise questions in

all their pleas and defects.

Witness our seal.

(Signed) James Webb

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Liberty

State of Texas.

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me, that at the Spring term A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty seven of the District Court of Fayette County in said State Francis Frede, a Citizen of said State & County, was by the verdict of a Jury found guilty, upon an indictment charging him with retailing goods, wares, and Merchandize in said County, without having obtained a license therefor; And whereas

Whereas, at a subsequent term of said District Court judgment was rendered upon the said verdict, against him the said Frede, that he pay a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars for said offence, and the cost of Prosecution, and that Execution issue therefor, which judgment and execution are now of full force against the said Frede.

Now therefore be it known, that I. P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, for satisfactory reasons to me shown, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit of said fine the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, being all of said fine except so much thereof as is necessary to cover the amount of the license tax which should have been paid by said Frede for the exercise of said vocation. And upon the payment of said sum of twenty five dollars, (the residue of said fine) and the costs of said prosecution, by the said Francis Frede, he the said Frede will be discharged from all further liabilities for and on account of said fine and judgment; And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Fayette, is hereby directed and required to make such entries upon the Records of said Court, as will give full effect to the remission of so much of said fine as is hereby ordered.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State at the City of Austin

[L. S.]

thee the Fifth day of July in the year of Our Lord. One thousand eight hundred and fifty and of the Independence of Texas the fifteenth.

[Signed] P. H. Bell

By the Governor
James Webb
Secretary of State.

☞ See page 52 for Copy of letter to Messrs Jones, Butler & Baldwin expressing the application of addl. clerks for the office & Secy of State to New York - Omitted to be recorded at this place.

Department of State
Austin July 16th 1850

Solomon Adams Esqr
County Commissioner
Travis County
Sir

The Acting Attorney General of the State, having charge from the Seal of Government His Excellency the Governor has referred your letter of July 10th asking information respecting the legal terms of service of the Officers recently elected in your County to wit for Assessor.

My official position does not give to my opinions on legal questions presented for the consideration of the Governor, the force of authority, as the Attorney General alone is made by law, his legal adviser: but in the absence of that Officer, I have no hesitation in giving the opinions upon the questions submitted by you, and upon which the Chief Justice of your County, may act if he think proper so to do.

The Act of March 20th 1848. repealed, unconditionally, the clauses of all County Officers (except District Court Clerks) heretofore elected, on the first Monday in August. Consequently, as 1848. was before the provisions of this Act. are not subject to the Constitution. Those in Spite of the necessity of the succeeding to fill the terms of these Officers. The terms of

of the Officers of Chief Justices of the Counties, County Commissioners County Clerks, and Sheriffs are not prescribed by the Constitution; Consequently these officers must be elected, at such times as the laws designate, and hold their Offices for the term prescribed by them. The Act of March 16th 1848, provides that from & after two years from the first day of August 1848, and as the Act of March 20th 1852 respectively that these Officers be elected every two years thereafter. It is the intent of the Legislature intended that such Officers as come in after the regular time of election had passed, should only hold their Offices until the time of the next regular election, and until their successors were qualified.

The Act to organize the County of Vicenty makes no exception to the General law on the subject, in reference to the Officers to be elected under it: and if the Construction which I place upon the Acts of 1848 be correct, it is clear that there must be an election for Chief Justice, County Commissioners, County Clerk, and Sheriff in Vicenty County on the first Monday in August next.

In regard the Officers of Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Coroners and Constables, the Constitution fixes their terms of Office at two years from the date of their election, and it was not competent for the Legislature to change this Constitutional provision. These last mentioned Officers are therefore entitled to hold their Offices for two years, and Consequently there can be no election in August next for such of them as were elected in April except by the Governor.

The District Clerk, under the Constitution is entitled to hold his Office for four years from the date of his election.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully.

Your obt. Svt.

(Signed) James Nobb,

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented to me that John D. Bowden, was lately convicted in the County of Titus of the offence of Assault and Battery upon one Argyle Sally. Ls. and was by the judgment of a competent Court fined the sum of thirty dollars for said offence, which said sentence yet remains in said County, unsatisfied and of full force, And

Whereas the Judge, Jury, and Officers of said Court and divers other good Citizens of said County of Titus have petitioned that said fine be remitted.

Now, be it known, that I P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, in compliance with the wishes of said petitioners, and for other satisfactory reasons to me made known, by virtue of the Authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit the said fine of thirty dollars, and discharge the said John D. Bowden from the payment of the same. And the proper Officer of the Court by which said fine was imposed in said County of Titus is hereby directed and required to make such entries on the Records of said Court as may be necessary to give full effect to the remission of said fine.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the City of Austin this the 18th day of July A.D. 1857. and of the Independence of Texas the 42d

(Signed) J. P. Bell

By the Governor.

James Webb

Secretary of State.

State Department
Austin May 20th 1850

Hon Chief Justice
Leon County
Sir

I herewith please find the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, ordering an Election in the Counties of Leon, Robertson, and Brazos for a Representative to the Legislature, to fill the vacancy recently occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. E. M. Pilliccaus. As the time is short for holding this election and requiring the returns so as to enable the Representative elect to take his seat at the approaching Extra Session, His Excellency regards it as very important that a Convening the Extra Session of the Legislature to be held, which the Law requires a Copy of the Proclamation also of this note to the Chief Justices of Robertson & Brazos Counties

Please the favor to be
Your obt Servt
(Signed) Geo. W. Bell

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, E. M. Pilliccaus Esquire, a Representative elected by the Counties of Leon, Robertson & Brazos to the third Legislature of said State of Texas has resigned his office of Representative of said Counties, whereby a vacancy has occurred and now exists in said office.

Therefore, be it known that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, hereby order and direct the Chief Justices of the several Counties aforesaid, (or in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice or absence of said officer the Justice of said Counties, then any two of the County Commissioners thereof,) to give due and legal notice of not less than ten nor more than twenty days for the election to be holden on the first Monday (the fifth day) of August next at the

several precincts in their respective Counties for a Representative to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the said E. M. Millican Esquire, as aforesaid, and make due return thereof to the Chief Justice of said Leon County [and in case of vacancy of in the office of said Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners thereof] will give to the Representative elect of said Counties of Leon Robertson and Brazos, the proper Certificate of Election, and make due return thereof, according to law, to the Secretary of State, endorsed "Election Returns for Representative, from the Counties of Leon, Robertson, and Brazos"

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed at the City of Austin on this Twentieth day of July A.D. Eighteen Hundred and forty and of the Independence of the United States the Seventy fifth and of Texas the fifteenth

(Signed) P. H. Bell

By the Governor

James Webb

Secretary of State

A Copy of the foregoing Proclamation was forwarded to the Chief Justice of Leon, Robertson and Brazos, together with a Copy of the follow foregoing Note—

J. W.

S. S. —

State Department
Austin, Aug.t 4.th 1850

A. D. Sharp Esq.r
Galveston,

Sir,

Yours of July 27.th is just received - I find on the Register kept in this Department, in the hand writing of Mr. Miller, my predecessor, that Thomas Carraway was appointed a Notary Public for Liberty Co. on the 29.th Sept.r 1848, & qualified as such on the 23.d Oct.r 1848 - I also find that he was confirmed by the Senate on the 19.th Nov.r 1849, but there is no evidence in the Department of his having qualified since his Confirmation.

The Commission of a Notary Public is, in the first instance, sent to the Chief Justice of the County for which the appointment is made, and he is directed not to deliver it to the appointee until he shall have qualified - It is then his duty to notify the Department of the qualification & date of it, which are entered upon the Register. The performance of this latter duty is sometimes neglected by the Chief Justices for several months, but when the notice is received, be it sooner or later, the time when the qualification took place is invariably entered upon the Register. I suppose in this case, the Chief Justice of Liberty had neglected to notify the Department of the qualification of Mr. Carraway, even up to the 21.st of May 1849, when Mr. Miller furnished the Clerk to open Letters, & that he afterwards did so. I can however find no Communication from him on the subject among the Correspondence of the Department, and the only evidence I have in reference to it is that which is afforded by the Register.

You will find the Law in relation to Notaries Public at page 311, Laws of the first Legislature. (1846) -

Very Respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
James Pinckney

Boston, July 20. 1859

Dear Sir.

Yours of June 29. was rec.d a few days since I have conversed with Governor Bell respecting the reappointment of Mr. Jones, Commanding as a Branch Pilot at Paso Cavallo - He has received the recommendations in favor of Mr. Commanding, and regretted that he could not at once comply with the wishes of so many of his highly respected fellow Citizens, but a letter from the Commissioners of Pilots (a copy of which I herewith enclose) preferring serious charges against Mr. Commanding, had previously been received by him, and he was not at liberty to act until these charges could be properly investigated. The Act of April [redacted] 1860 "for the regulation of Pilots" (P. 79) makes it the duty [redacted] Commissioners to examine applicants for the office of Branch or deputy Pilots, to decide on their qualifications and recommend to the Governor such as are worthy. It also makes it their [redacted] to examine into any case of alleged or suspected misconduct, and if sufficient Cause appear, to suspend such pilot - By this the Governor has the power to reinstate a Pilot that has been suspended by the Commissioners, and I have no doubt of his power to appoint where the Commissioners do not recommend, or even where they improperly or capriciously oppose the appointment; but this power cannot, or at least, ought not to be exercised until it satisfactorily appear, that the Commissioners have acted unjustly and prejudicially to the applicant. The Law, by authorizing the Commissioners to investigate, recommend & not in the first instance, certainly contemplates that their investigation, recommendation & action should have their due weight in governing the subsequent action of the Executive, and the power given to him to act independent of them, is nothing more than a power to prevent oppression and abuses. You will therefore perceive that it would be highly improper in the Governor to flatly to disregard the Official action of the Commissioners upon the bare recommendation of private individuals, however respectable & worthy those individuals are.

To place Mr. Commanding in the best attitude in which it is in the power of the Governor to place him, & to prevent any suspicion from being done him, he has directed the Commissioners of Pilots to investigate the Charges which they have preferred against him. to take down all the testimony

in writing - to hear his evidence - to receive such defence as he may think proper to make, and to transmit the whole to the Executive. When this shall have been done, he will give the matter the proper consideration, and act in it as the law and justice to Mr. Cummings required. This it is hoped will be satisfactory to Mr. Cummings, and the Gentlemen who are soliciting his reappointment.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servt
James Webb

To A. J. Hamilton Esq.
Indianola

State of Texas

Whereas it has been satisfactorily made known to me, that at the Spring Term A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, of the District Court of Walker County in said State, Francis Cotton, a Citizen of said County was found guilty upon an indictment charging him with the Offence of an Affrayed & Battery upon one Francis Stubbles, & was by the judgment of said Court sentenced to pay a fine of twenty five dollars, and be imprisoned for the term of three months in the Common Jail of said County for said Offence.

Now therefore be it known, that I. P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, for satisfactory reasons to me shown, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution & Laws of said State, do hereby remit & release the said Francis Cotton from so much of the judgment of said District Court of Walker County, as sentences him the said Francis Cotton to be imprisoned in the jail of said County for the term of three months, for said Offence; and do hereby Order & direct that he, the said Francis Cotton, be released & discharged from all liability to suffer said imprisonment under & by virtue of said Judgment & sentence: And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Walker is directed & required to make such entries upon the Records of said Court as will give full effect to the remission & release of said Cotton from the imprisonment ordered by the judgment & sentence of said Court as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the City of Austin this the Seventh day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty, & of the Independence of Texas the Fifth.

(Signed) P. H. Bell.

By the Governor
James Webb
Secretary of State

State Department
Austin 23d August 1850

His Excellency
P. H. Bell

Sir

The Government of the United States, and the Governors of the Several States of the Union, are in the habit of sending annually to this State copies of their laws and journals and such other documents as are deemed of public utility; and from many of them we also receive the reported decisions of their higher Courts. In sending these books reciprocity on the part of this State, is doubtless expected. Indeed, from some of them, direct applications have been made for our laws and judicial decisions. In reply to these applications, I have assumed the responsibility, (tho unauthorized by law) of sending copies of the Statutes passed at the last session of the Legislature, but have not felt authorized to forward any other books, except to the Secretary of State of the United States, to whom copies of the laws of the first, second and third sessions of the Legislature & copies of the journals and Appendix of the last session have been forwarded. I also frequently receive applications for the laws from Commissioners of deeds appointed by Texas in the several States, but having no authority to comply with their requests, these applications have thus far remained unanswered. I would respectfully suggest that the attention of the Next Legislature be called to the subject by your Excellency

I have the Honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Excy's Obt Servt
[Signed] James Webb

State of Texas

Whereas it has been made known to me, that at the Fall term 1849 of the District Court of Fayette County in said State, William G Samson was indicted & found guilty of the offence of Larceny, & was for said offence, sentenced by the Judgment of said Court, to Confinement at hard labor in the Penetentiary of said State for the term of three years;

And whereas it has been represented to me by a large number of the good Citizens of said County, that said Samson was confined for a long time in the Common jail of said County previous to said Conviction and has since been confined nearly one year in said Penetentiary under said sentence, & that said Confinement is a full atonement & ample punishement for said offence; and they having prayed that the residue of said punishment be remitted;

Now therefore, be it Known, that I. P. Hainsbrough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, for the reasons set forth in the petition of said Citizens, and for others satisfactory to me, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, hereby remit and release the said William G. Samson from the residue of the punishment imposed by the judgment of said Court which has not already been inflicted or which shall not have been inflicted previous to the time that this remission shall reach the Officer or Officers having in Custody the said Samson; and I do hereby Order & direct the Keeper of the Penetentiary of said State, and all other Officers having in Charge & Custody the said William G. Samson under said judgment & sentence, upon the receipt of this Mandate, to release & discharge the said Samson from all further imprisonment under said Sentence - And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Fayette is directed & required to make such entries upon the Records of said Court as will give full effect to the remission of said punishment and release of said Samson from further imprisonment under said Judgment & sentence.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the City of Austin this Sixth day of September A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty and of the Independence of Texas the Fifteenth -

Signed, P. H. Bell.

By the Governor,

James Webb

Secy of State

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas John H. McCary a Representative elected by the Counties of Harrison and Upshur to the third Legislature of said State of Texas, has resigned his Office of Representative of said Counties, whereby a Vacancy has occurred and now exists in said Office.

Therefore, be it known that I. P. Pinckney Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, hereby Order and direct the Chief Justices of the several Counties above mentioned, or in case of a vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act in any one or both of said Counties, then any two of the County Commissioners thereof, to give due and legal notice of not less than five nor more than ten days for an election to be holden on the Monday the day of October next at the several precincts in their respective Counties for a Representative to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of said John H. McCary, as aforesaid and make due return thereof to the Chief Justice of Harrison County, who will give to the Representative elect of said Counties of Harrison & Upshur the proper certificate of election, and make due return thereof according to law to the Secretary of State endorsed "Election Returns of Representative from the Counties of Harrison and Upshur".

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin this twenty first day of September A. D. Eighteen hundred and fifty- of the Independence of the United States the 75th and of Texas the 15th.

(Signed) P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Henry W. Field
Act Secty of State

Secretary of State's Office
Austin Sept. 21st 1860

To the Hon. Chief Justice
Harrison County.
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Herewith please find the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor ordering an election in the County of Harrison and Upshur for a Representative to the Legislature to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of the Hon. Robert H. McClaing. As the time is short for holding this election, and making the returns so as to enable the Representative elect to take his seat at the approaching extra session, His Excellency requests me to urge upon you the necessity of causing the utmost expedition to be used which the law admits. I have forwarded a copy of this note and the Proclamation to the Chief Justice of Upshur County.

I have the honor to be
Your Obd't. Serv't.
James B. Mott.

State of Texas

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me, that at the Fall Term A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty of the District Court of Walker County in said State, Samuel Powers was found guilty of the Offence of Affault & Battery upon one John McCary, and was by the Verdict of a jury sentenced to pay a fine of One hundred dollars and be imprisoned in the County jail for thirty days, upon which said Verdict the judgment of the Court was rendered that the said Samuel Powers should be imprisoned in the County jail for thirty days, and pay a fine of one hundred dollars, and that he remain in Custody until said fine be paid; And whereas it is also represented and made known to me, that it having been made to appear to the Court upon the affidavit of said Samuel Powers, that he was unable to pay said fine, the said Court further Ordered that said Samuel Powers be imprisoned in said County Jail for an additional term of thirty days in lieu of said fine; And Whereas divers good Citizens of said County of Walker having petitioned the Executive to exonerate & release the said Samuel Powers from the said additional term of imprisonment imposed by the Court as aforesaid in lieu of said fine;

Therefore, be it known, that I. P. Hansbrough Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the Authority invested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby release and exonerate the said Samuel Powers from so much of the judgment of said Court as requires him to be Confined in the Common jail of said County for the term of thirty days in addition to the thirty days of imprisonment fixed & affixed by the verdict of the jury as aforesaid for said offence, the said thirty days of imprisonment hereby remitted being that portion of said imprisonment which was ordered by the Court in lieu of said fine, and the Sheriff of the District Court of said Walker County is hereby directed and required to execute these presents and make due return of said instructions to the Sheriff of said County in the premises as with your official duty and

Witness

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Department of State.
Austin July 6. 1850

Messrs Jones, Butler & Babcock,
Galveston.
Gentlemen,

Yours of the 26. ult. respecting the appointment of Alb. M. Jones a Commissioner of deeds for the City of New York, is just rec'd, and has been submitted to the Governor. He requests me to state that there are already twelve Commissioners of deeds &c. for the State of Texas, residing in the City of New York, and he thinks that so great a number as ought to be appointed, more for the locality of the applicant his appointment would subserve the public convenience. The Governor has no objection to appoint a Commissioner for each Ward in the City, but as he is unacquainted of the localities of those already appointed, as well as that of Mr. Jones, he thinks he ought not to create further appointments unless assured of their necessity. If Mr. Jones can show that there is no Commissioner in the Ward in which he resides, he will receive the appointment.

You state that Mr. Jones application was made twelve months since. If so, it was to Governor Bell, and no notice of it was left in the Department. Your letter affords the first intimation given to Governor Bell of his desire to receive the appointment.

With great respect.
Your Obt. Servt.
James Webb
Secretary

State of Texas

Whereas it has been represented to me, that at the
Ballot box - A.D. 1850 of the District Court of Harris County,
Michael Gallen was found guilty of the offence of selling
spirituous liquors in quantities under one gallon, and for said offence
was duly fined in the sum of One hundred dollars, and
adjudged to pay the costs of prosecution, and
whereas the said Michael Gallen has failed to pay said fine and costs,
and the same is now due and delinquent.

Now, I, [illegible] Clerk of the District Court of Harris County, in the
State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me
vested by the provisions of the act of the Legislature of said State, for the collection of
revenue in such cases, do hereby issue this my writ of execution against the
said Michael Gallen for the amount of said fine and costs
and all further liabilities under said judgment and sentence;
and the Clerk of the said District Court of Harris County is hereby
directed upon receiving notice by the Treasurer of said County that
the fine and costs aforesaid are due, to issue such writs upon the records of said Court
as will give force and effect to this mandate.

Given under my hand and the seal of
said Court, at office in the City of Houston
this 30th day of September A.D. 1850,
and of the Independence of Texas the 5

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Clerk
District Court
Harris County Texas

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Election Returns.

Official

Be it Known, that on this the 6th day of October 1850, the returns so far as received, of the elections in this State, on the Fifth day of August last, for Attorney General, Comptroller of Public accounts, Treasurer, Railroad Commissioners for the several Judicial districts, and Members of the 8th & 13th Judicial districts, were opened according to law, and the following is the result thereof:

Counties	Attorney General					Comptroller		Treasurer
	E. Allen	A. J. Smith	A. G. Evans	W. M. Rector	A. M. Scales	W. P. Hart	C. Caldwell	W. Ingram
Anderson	11	75	183	1	88	245	45	171
Angelina	7	38	7	2	1	52	"	46
Austin	24	17	2	11	240	272	7	241
Bastrop	20	70	7	119	32	270	5	268
Bell	3	7	.	3	65	41	44	33
Bexar	41	20	"	337	4	872	3	871
Bowie	65	34	91	22	"	168	40	197
Brazoria	116	10	"	25	85	236	"	212
Brazos	1	"	"	1	13	32	13	41
Burleson	1	10	1	9	164	168	37	164
Caldwell	7	105	6	30	13	115	10	158
Calhoun	46	3	"	32	16	113	1	110
Cameron	791	31	"	"	12	847	5	713
Cass	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Chambers	113	275	216	19	180	381	252	863
Collin	13	79	32	1	18	272	7	207
Colorado	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Conrad	8	66	"	30	7	111	7	113
Coryell	"	"	29	2	"	31	"	31
Dallas	11	223	171	1	16	281	127	137
Denton	3	"	65	"	2	18	10	58
De Witt	41	27	"	70	6	142	4	111
Ellis	28	8	"	"	30	40	"	26
El Paso	"	224	"	"	"	226	"	226
Fields	"	"	"	20	6	7	18	23

Gemeinden	Altersgruppen					Confessionsverhältnisse		
	Erwachsene	Schulpflichtige	Kinder unter 7 Jahren	Männlich	Weiblich	Evangelisch	Katholisch	Israelitisch
Aarenau	99	72	256	80		330	16	76
Aargau	27	134	2	35	182	333	65	111
Bärschwil	28	10	"	4	140	167	9	166
Beinwil	217	15	"	167	8	410	12	415
Bettwil		32	"	72	"	93	"	94
Buttwil	10	19	"	31	"	47	8	52
Dottikon	1	17	1	177	"	203	16	214
Eggenwil	18	3	196	17	"	216	12	242
Fahrwangen	72	11	16	4	210	276	67	368
Gontenschwil	2	13	"	101	14	30	11	161
Hägglingen	118	317	"	91	45	369	31	609
Hallwyl	201	219	70	271	8	601	189	760
Hilfikon	2	20	"	14	"	8	26	28
Hirschthal	5	7	36	7	"	18	30	7
Holderbank	36	33	264	30	4	306	30	237
Holziken	75	13	183	2	37	241	30	262
Hunzenschwil		14	125	21	"	187	18	227
Kaisten	34	30	"	7	8	108	3	91
Kaiserstuhl	36	25	57	3	"	121	5	116
Kaltbrunnen	45	120	2	6	15	175	19	181
Kirchberg	93	41	24	45	2	142	31	63
Kirchleerau		"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Klingnau	300	41	114	31	"	314	83	495
Kölliken	31	13	"	17	37	113	4	118
Leuggern	41	13	38	7	107	202	15	179
Leutwil	126	24	3	127	17	121	131	203
Leimbach	1	1	139	"	23	116	36	184
Lenzburg	126	"	"	2	2	140	2	141
Leutwil	1	31	"	1	31	62	1	63
Lieli	96	12	"	30	"	88	"	88
Linn	1	"	"	17	114	130	1	132
Lindenhof		"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Lenzburg	101	5	13	18	44	203	54	123
Luzern	15	7	120	4	134	216	17	121

Counties	Schlemmer Geneva					Conglaolier Treasurer		
	G. Keller	A. D. Schmucker	H. H. Evans	G. M. Rockel	A. M. Evans	A. D. Miller	C. C. A. Gerber	D. C. Hilgeman
Fayette	23	"	63	12	"	81	"	31
Noble	40	1	"	51	2	103	4	109
Paulding	"	79	53	122	6	244	21	226
Polk	33	"	165	2	30	221	8	311
Preble	"		"	"	"	"	"	"
Putnam	309	81	109	2	"	373	44	430
Morgan	31	39	"	1	"	49	"	69
Richland	1	"	7	"	21	21	1	89
Ross	327	169	95	149	210	838	34	816
Sandusky	37	42	100	31	"	124	23	140
Scioto	5	48	132	11	27	111	51	120
Seneca	13	"	"	11	"	23	"	13
Shelby	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Stark	108	103	136	43	"	103	37	354
Summit	6	95	95	105	23	300	111	278
Trumbull	198	42	"	"	"	133	106	255
Tuscarawas	"	40	21	"	"	77	"	41
Union	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Van Wert	29	226	1	142	28	243	216	458
Vinton	10	"	32	"	"	35	"	28
Wayne	24	47	52	7	"	156	15	110
Williams	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wood	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wyandot	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Washington	"	1	68	"	8	53	4	49
Victoria	62	78	"	65	13	197	6	218
Wattles	95	20	143	1	207	338	54	318
Washington	41	37	5	13	191	392	131	482
Webb	327	11	"	19	"	302	66	368
Weber	82	5	"	1	11	113	"	110
Williamson	15	86	"	43	21	130	34	149
Wood	"	24	34	5	"	86	"	82
Wyatt	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Totals	3.489	4.131	3.731	3.235	3.395	16.979	2.834	18.173

Scattering over [illegible] Votes. 34 Votes Unassorted 17 Votes Void 227

First Judicial District.

District Attorney

Counties	No. Indictments	No. Trials	No. Convictions
Montgomery	116	23	5
Hamilton	30	20	16
Colorado	"	"	"
Austin	98	141	96
Fort Bend	62	106	31
Brazoria	161	61	61
Galveston	115	158	132
Total	602	508	391

Second Judicial District

District Attorney

Counties	No. Indictments	No. Trials	No. Convictions
Nagodoches	391	"	"
Rusk	238	"	"
Williamson	"	"	"
Travis	365	"	"
Caldwell	134	"	"
Hays	32	"	"
Guadalupe	148	"	"
Comal	101	"	"
Total	1117	"	"

Third Judicial District

District Attorney

Counties	No. Indictments	No. Trials	No. Convictions
Washington	148		
Bazos	46		
Leon	164		
Limestone	54		
Robertson	86		
Falls	18		
McLennan	16		
Bell	33		
Milam	117		
Burleson	174		
Total	1.276		

Fourth Judicial District

District Attorney

Counties	No. Indictments	No. Trials	No. Convictions
Nueces	104		
San Patricio	23		
Refugio	47		
Gillespie	69		
Bexar	832		
Medina	65		
Uvalde	"		
Total	1.140		

Fifth Judicial District

Election Returns

Counties	R. Fitzhugh	Anderson
Hardy	345	
Adams	189	
Cumberland	328	
Jefferson	176	
Newton	112	
Angelina	88	
Nacogdoches	453	4
Total	1681	4

Sixth Judicial District

Election Returns

Counties	R. H. Taylor	Ayres	Clark	Armstrong	Simpson	Mason	Baylor
Limestone	223	19	91	63	36	1	3
Navo	40	"	"	"	3	43	7
Upshur	180	10	32	21	42	123	16
Cass	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Shelby	322	366	67	42	44	6	19
Rusk	111	139	86	818	42	13	1
Panola	67	77	"	75	109	20	11
Harrison	316	48	204	29	236	77	30
Total	1139	739	480	1048	512	283	102

Seventh Judicial District

Election Returns

Counties	A. M. Branch	Grant	Livingston	Polk
Goliad	163	15	134	57
Montgomery	"	"	"	"
Walker	311	20	23	178
Trinity	2	11	36	1
Polk	31	135	39	44
Tyler	47	86	24	71
Jefferson	38	71	31	97
Liberty	131	161	3	53
Harris	202	17	363	64
Total	908	632	653	497

Eighth Judicial District

District Clerk

Counties	William G. Love	Wm. A. Scott	Jas. Scott
Bowie	162	28	107
Titus	"	"	"
Shelby	220	125	105
Hunt	138	86	11
Collin	234	77	57
Denton	30	69	2
Cook	24	8	3
Grayson	127	93	65
Fannin	216	271	46
Lamar	307	133	148
Red River	306	43	271
Total	1806	933	819

Eighth Judicial District

Counties	District Attorney	
	U.S. Circuit	Chiles
Bowie	142	93
Titus	"	"
Upshur	252	32
Wood	255	12
Collin	139	36
Denton	16	35
Cooke	10	23
Grayson	235	21
Fannin	385	71
Lamar	453	116
Red River	391	116
Totals	1.674	370

Ninth Judicial District

Counties	District Attorney
	U.S. Circuit
Gonzales	216
Caldwell	"
Jackson	109
Victoria	228
De Witt	131
Lavaca	171
Goliad	51
Total	899

Tenth Judicial District

Counties	District Attorney
	U.S. Circuit
Bexar	
El Paso	No Returns
Worth of Santa Fé	

Eleventh Judicial District

Counties	District Attorney	
	U.S. Circuit	Chiles
Burleson	180	122
Anderson	243	179
Henderson	31	36
Navarro	44	38
Hill	81	121
Johnson	120	83
Ellis	14	53
Tarrant	87	30
Dallas	313	142
Totals	1144	824	3

Twelfth Judicial District

Counties	District Attorney	
	U.S. Circuit	Chiles
Brazoria	234	133
Matagorda	216	21
Webb	67	3.93
Kinney	"	"
Total	1.017	496

Counties	District Attorney
	St. Leonard
Brazoria	322
Matagorda	120
Webb	301
Kinney	"
Total	1.063

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State Department
Boston 18th Jan 1850.

Hon. Citizens Boston,
Mayor Quincy,
Dear Sir,

We regret to learn from the Papers of this date, & regret to say that they are said to be true as to this City. The proceedings Meetings for those purposes exhausted before they come of the Legislature. I have, however succeeded in procuring one copy of each Act, which I have sent for you, accordingly to your direction, to Citizens Upshur County - It is the best that I could do.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Lucius Manlius Sargent

Copy of the above sent to the City Marshal, stating Lucius Sargent's address in Dorchester -

J.V.

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas it has been made to appear, that at the March Term A.D. 1850 of the District Court of Travis County, in said State, one Theodore Barker, late a soldier in the Army of the United States, was convicted by the verdict of a Petit Jury of said County, and adjudged by the said Court, and also the said Theodore Barker, after being committed to the custody of said County, broke the prison and escaped from custody, and is now fugitive

Now, I do hereby, Peter H. Bell Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby publish, proclaim, offering a reward of three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Theodore Barker to the Sheriff, or other proper officer of said County of Travis; and all officers civil and Military of this State are required to arrest and secure the said Barker, and deliver him to said Sheriff. The said Theodore Barker, is a man

[illegible] and has been, and claimed the protection of the State, is five feet [illegible] inches high, [illegible] complexion, [illegible] eyes, [illegible] hair, [illegible] years of age, and [illegible] of the United States the 7th

By the Governor
Peter H. Bell
Secty of State

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State of Texas

A. P. Hanshaw Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, constitute and appoint John M. Jones Esquire, of the City of Galveston, in said State, a member of the Texas Committee to select articles suitable to be sent to the "London Industrial Exhibition" from the United States; and to perform such other acts as may be required of the Committees of the several States in connection with said exhibition, and in accordance with the directions and instructions of the "Executive Committee at Washington City": Hereby conferring upon the said John M. Jones Esqr. and such others as may be associated with him, on said Committee, full power to act on the part of the State of Texas in the premises, and in case of the absence of other members of said Committee, giving to him the said Jones authority to act singly in performing the duties which may be required to be performed by said Committee.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, done at the City of Austin the sixteenth day of December A. D. 1850, and of the Independence of the United States the 75th

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
James Webb
Secty of State

A similar appointment to the above was given to Commodore C. W. Moore and Jacob Mc Cordova Esquire dated January 8th 1851—

J. W. —

State Department
Austin, December 27th 1850

James B. Shaw Esqr
Comptroller &c.

Sir,

His Excellency the Governor, entertaining the opinion that the interest of the State requires him to send an agent to the City of Washington to receive the Certificates of Stock for the five Millions of dollars directed to be issued in favor of this State by the fifth article of the act of Congress approved Sept 9th 1850, "proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her Northern and Western boundaries &c." and the Attorney General, to whom the subject was referred, concurring in that opinion, and advising it as a proper course to be pursued, I am instructed to request that you will set out, and proceed on with as little delay as possible, for that purpose.

Five "authentic" copies of the act of the Legislature, accepting the propositions of the United States, have been transmitted to Washington by mail, in accordance with its directions, least they may, from some casualty, have failed to reach their destination you are herewith furnished another Copy properly authenticated, to be laid before the President, in the event he has not received the Copy heretofore forwarded to him.

The act of Congress requires the President to cause the Stock to be issued in favor of the State immediately after he "shall have been furnished with an Authentic Copy of the act of the General Assembly of Texas accepting the propositions," but as it does not prescribe the number of Certificates, or the sums to be expressed in each, to make the aggregate amount, it is presumed that that branch of the subject is entirely within his discretion, and it may be a matter of convenience to the State at some future period, to have the Certificates in small sums, varying from one thousand to ten thousand dollars, the Governor directs that you will request the President to cause the Stock to be issued in Bonds or Certificates of three and five intermediate denominations, and that there may be as many issued of the smaller size as shall be found practicable. He also directs that they may be made transferrable as far as the rules of the Treasury Department will permit, in such form as will be most convenient to the State, should she hereafter be disposed to negotiate any portion of them

In issuing the bonds or certificates of stock, a fair construction of the act of Congress will require that they shall stipulate for the payment of interest from the 25th of November 1850, that being the day on which the contract was consummated by the formal and irrevocable acceptance of the propositions by the State. You will therefore urge this view of the subject should any disposition be manifested to fix upon a subsequent period from which the interest is to commence.

The Government perceives no impediment for issuing the bonds or certificates of stock, after they shall have been issued, to Texas at the present time, she therefore directs me to instruct you to deposit them in the Treasury of the United States, subject to the order and control of the State, and to take a certificate of the deposit; This certificate will afford all the evidence which may be necessary to show that the law, thus far, has been carried into effect.

After you shall have closed the business in respect to the five millions of stock to be now issued, it will be well for you to ascertain from the Department what mode has been or will be adopted for the adjustment of the retained five millions of dollars, for which certificates are not to be issued "until the creditors of the State holding bonds and other certificates of stock of Texas for which duties on imports were specially pledged, shall first file at the Treasury of the United States, releases of all claim against the United States for or on account of said bonds or certificates". The enquiries proper to be made with a view of arriving at a satisfactory knowledge of the construction which is placed upon that provision of the act of Congress, and enable the State to know what course she must pursue in relation in respect to it, are, 1st what rule will the Government adopt to arrive at a knowledge of that portion of the debt of Texas for which duties on imports were specially pledged, in contradistinction from the residue of the debt? 2nd By what plan will it ascertain the Numbers of Creditors of the description alluded to, so as to know when all the releases have been filed? 3rd How does it propose to ascertain the amount actually due from the State to each of such creditors? and 4th What construction is placed upon the law in respect to the disposition of certificates upon the retained five Millions of stock? Will not that disposition result from the act of the acceptance

of the propositions, altho' the Stock is not to be issued until the releases are filed?

You will readily perceive the importance to the State of acquiring a full Knowledge of the views and intentions of the Officers of the Government charged with carrying out this law, on these points, and His Excellency the Governor trusts you will use all proper means to obtain that Knowledge -

In directing you to proceed to Washington for the purposes indicated in this letter, the Governor has been influenced by what he considers to be a duty he owes the State in having an Agent at that City properly authorized to adjust these matters, and by a conviction that no Officer could be more appropriately selected for the performance of the duties of that Agency than the one in whose hands the State has mainly placed her fiscal operations, and in whose capacity, integrity and business habits, he reposes such entire confidence, and he only regrets that the other important duties in which you have been engaged have prevented him from availing himself of your kind services for this purpose, at an earlier period -

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James Webb
Secty of State

State of Texas
Executive Department

James B. Shaw Esqr.
Comptroller &c.

Sir,

You are requested to proceed forthwith to the City of Washington for the purpose of receiving and depositing the Certificates of Stock for the five Millions of dollars directed to be issued in favor of this State by the fifth article of the first section of an Act of the Congress of the United States, approved on the Ninth day of September A.D. 1850, entitled an "Act proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her Northern and Western boundaries, the relinquishment by the said State of all territory claimed by her exterior to said boundaries, and of all her claims upon the United States; and to establish a territorial Government for New Mexico," and for the transaction of such other business, as may be incident thereto; for all of which you will be governed by the instructions this day furnished you by the Department of State, and your own Judgement — and for so doing, this will be your sufficient authority.—

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this 27th day of December A.D. 1850, and of the Independence of the United States the 75th

L.S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
James Webb
Secretary of State

State Department.
Austin, March 2nd 1851.

Richard A. Hamilton Esqr.
Dear Sir,

I have this day sent you and directed to you, one copy of Hartley's Digest for the use of your office and Mr [illegible] who will deliver it and take and hand you a receipt to be given for it. For the decision of the law which designates the Offices to which these books are to be sent, District Attorneys are not entitled, but I must think it was an accidental omission, and that the Legislature intended they should be supplied. At all events I have acted upon this belief, and have furnished a volume for each of them. I am however compelled to require receipts stipulating that they shall be accounted for, provided the Legislature disapproves the act, which I can hardly suppose it will do. Mr [illegible] will leave in a day or two with the books which are to be distributed.

With great Respect
Your ob't Serv't
Thos. H. Webb

A copy of the foregoing letter was addressed to each of the District Attorneys, except the fourth, whose name and receipts for a copy of the Digest personally.

A. M.

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State Department
Austin, January 2nd 1837

Hon. T. A. Patillo.

Dear Sir.

Yours of December 20th is just rec'd herewith send you an extract from the Register of this Department showing the number of Notaries Public that have been appointed for your County, since the organization of the State Government — the times of their appointment & Confirmation of the Senate — resignations — refusals to qualify, and the number which now appear to be in Office.

As regards Mr Carter, I find, as you will see from the extract, the following entries in the appropriate Columns opposite his name on the Register, made in the hand writing of my predecessor. Mr Miller, viz. "Appointed" — "Account" — and there is no entry on the book showing that he ever did qualify; nor can I find any letter on file in the Department certifying that he had done so.

The appointment of Mr McAdams was made upon the recommendation of the Hon Mr Taylor, one of the Representatives from Harrison, after he and I had examined the Register and became satisfied that the County had only as many Notaries as she was entitled to — In making out the Commission I did not state that Mr McAdams was appointed to fill the vacancy of any other person, because I did not regard him as the successor of any other, not looking upon Mr Carter (from the entries on the Register as ever having been in Office — But even had it appeared that he had qualified and was properly in Office, still Mr McAdams might have received the appointment upon the application of Doct Taylor, because the term for which Mr C. H. Andrews was appointed had expired several months previously, and he had not applied for a re-appointment. —

It has been the practice of the present Executive to reappoint Notaries whose terms have expired, when application is made for it, and no valid objection is urged against it; but when no application is made for the re-appointment, he cannot presume that it is desired — so far as Mr Andrews is concerned, I have no doubt he would have been reappointed had he applied for it, as not the slightest objection has been urged against him, but no application

was made, the place was open to any other person who might desire it.

With great respect
Your Obt Servt
James Webb

State Department
Austin, May 9th 1837.

Hon Thomas J. Corwin
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Sir,

Your communication of the 14th Ultimo addressed to this Department, asking information in accordance with a resolution of Congress, respecting the Banking institutions of this State, came to hand by the last mail.

By the constitution of the State, Banking of every description is prohibited, consequently there is no information on the subject that can be communicated officially from this Department - There is, however, a Bank in operation in the City of Galveston, known as "the Commercial Bank," with a branch at Brazoria - This Bank was established a few years since, under a Charter granted to Mr Samuel A. Williams, by the Congress of Coahuila and Texas previous to the revolution in 1835. The Attorney General, believing that its operations are in violation of the Constitution, has instituted suit to abate it, and to recover the penalties prescribed by the laws for such violation. That suit is now pending and the Bank has never been recognized by any Legislative action, its management, Course, and deposits of its Constitution or Statutes -

Very Respectfully
James Webb
Secretary of State

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Austin, Jany 9th 1857

E. T. Gilbert Esqr
Ed. Tribune
Matagorda

Dear Sir,

Herewith please find one order drawn by the Comptroller on the Assessor & Collector of your County, in your favor for $18.50. for publishing proclamation of the Governor &c. Also a receipt to the Comptroller for the draft, which you will please sign and return to him. I have given a receipt myself, for the warrant upon which the draft was drawn —

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
James Webb
Secty of State

The above mentioned draft was enclosed to Mr Gilbert in my presence, and directed to him at Matagorda, and the letter containing it was placed in the Post Office by me —

James H Stevenson
Chief Clerk Dept.

Austin, Jany 10th 1857

Messrs Scranton, Willis & Co
Dallas —

Gentlemen,

Herewith please find two orders on the Assessor and Collector of your County, drawn in your favor by the Comptroller — One for $108.45c & the other for $44 —
The first is for your accounts rendered against the State for publishing proclamations &c. previous to the one authorizing the "Peace Bill" to the people, less 10 per cent. the payment of which is necessarily withheld at this time in consequence of the Appropriation for accounts of this character being too small to cover them — The balance (10 per ct.) still due on the accounts has been appropriated, & placed to your credit at the Treasury, and will be paid as soon as an additional Appropriation is made which will be recommended to the next Legislature. A similar deduction has been made

in the fragment of all the accounts of this description which have been presented -

The other draft is for publishing the proclamation on the "Peace Bill". It is the precise amount of the appropriation made to pay it. -

Enclosed you will find receipts for the warrants upon which the drafts were drawn which you will please sign & return to the Comptroller - I have already given receipts for these, forgive, but having no written authority to do so, the Officers of the Treasury require that you should sign these to be filed away in lieu of those signed by me -

Very Respectfully
Your obd't Serv't
James Webb
Secty of State

The drafts referred to above, were this day inclosed and forwarded by mail to Messrs Latimer, Wallis & Co. at Dallas the letter containing them was mailed by me - Jany 10. 1857

James F. Johnson
Chief State Dept.

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Executive Department
Austin, January 10th 1837.

Whereas, it has been certified to me, according to law, that the Hon. John Rowlett and others, [illegible] Agency are disqualified from acting as Judges of said Court in the case of Monell Eagle and others, as Notary Agency and from presiding in said Court, by reason of their having been of Counsel therein in the Court below.

Now, therefore, to the end that a true and determination of said case may be had, I M. B. Lamar, Agency President of the State of Texas, by virtue of the powers and duties by the Constitution and laws of said State, as aforesaid and hereby commission Hon. Thos. J. Rusk & R. E. B. Baylor Agency A. [illegible] Judges of the Court mentioned in the laws, as special Judges to act in said case, and to hold an adjournment of the Court.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Austin, this tenth day of January A.D. 1837 & of the Independence of the United States the 7th

M. B. Lamar

By the Governor
Samuel P. Carson
Dep. Secty of State

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State of Texas.

Whereas it has been represented to me, that a Court held in the City of Austin, Travis County, on the 9th day of January A.D. 1851, by John B. Cooke Esquire a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Charles D. Kelly was found guilty of an assault and battery upon Josiah Anderson, and for said Offence was sentenced by the Judgement of the Court to pay a fine of forty dollars and costs of prosecution and give bond to Keep the Peace &c

Now, be it Known, that I P. H. Bell Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the petitions of a large number of respectable citizens of said County and for other satisfactory reasons to me shown, do hereby remit twenty dollars of said fine, and the said Justice of the Peace is hereby directed to make such entries on his Docket as will give full effect to this remission—

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this 11th day of January A.D. 1851, and of the Independence of Texas the fifteenth—

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
James Webb
Secty of State

The State of Texas,
A State of the United States of America.

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws, hereby certify, make Known and declare to all whom it may concern, that Robert Beckham is a resident Citizen of this State and of the said United States of America, and that he is entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities to such Citizenship belonging or in any wise appertaining -

And I do hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States, to permit the said Robert Beckham to fully and peaceably enjoy within their respective jurisdictions the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid -

And I do further certify that the Official act of Jeremiah D. Calvert, hereunto annexed, is entitled to full faith and credit -

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, the 20th day of January A.D. 1837, and of the Independence of Texas the fifteenth -

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Ahner H. Gillespie
Actg. Secty of State

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The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been represented to me, that at the Spring Term A.D. 1850 of the District Court for the County of Harris, a Judgement was rendered in favor of the State of Texas against James H. Stevens for the sum of fifty Dollars.

Now, be it known, that I P. H. Bell,
Governor of the State aforesaid for satisfactory reasons to me made known, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Laws and Constitution, do remit the said Judgement and release, discharge and acquit the said James H. Stevens from the Judgment of the same, and direct the Sheriff of Harris County to return such process as may be in his hands against him conformably to this precept; and the Clerk of the District Court of said County to make corresponding record of the same.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Austin this the 27th day of January A.D. 1857 and of the Independence of Texas the Fifteenth.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor.
Harrison H. Johnson
Sec'y Secty of State

Big the Governor of the State of Texas.
A Proclamation.

The year 1850 has closed upon us. It has been fraught with peril to our glorious institutions of Government, and full of incident worthy to be engraven on the memories of the living, and by them to be faithfully recorded for the information and benefit of posterity. It has been rendered memorable from the wise and prosperous questions which have regulated and adorned the public councils. On the political horizon, one so bright, has been overcast with portentous clouds threatening to break with destructive force over the noble fabric reared by our fathers in the serenity of their patriotism, and by them cemented to human freedom. The most enlightened and liberal-hearted friends of the human race have stood appalled at threatening events, and misconstrued all the encouraging & consoling signs of the times; the flame of our Constitutional Liberty. The Majesty of the mighty dead has been scattered in sacred and gloomy aspects, and their remains exhumed in aid of the Secession Cause — Staid & conservative men, great Statesmen in the existing Country, regarded by Public Sentiment misguided by the perverted ability of Eloquence & Learning — as a Constellation, resplendently, of Meteors with Ingratitude.

One beloved State, too, has had her trials and fearful hours of political inquietude; and, by that inscrutable Providence which does and will cause to flash across the mind, as well as eye, fiery premonitions, heavy & lingering from that angry Heaven which she has loved and served in the days of her Country's glory. She has been the theatre of Eloquence, Learning, Virtue, & Patriotism, manfully upon the fields of Glory and Victory in the National Wars, and accumulating the Republican Union which has so long enlightened the World and given us Liberty & Independence, unexampled in Majesty with Ingratitude. —

Such a record the Lord's people throughout which our Country's Prosperity, as a People, has been the Theme of the world's admiration. Then it was, at least, with the Lord's people, as it is now, a Nation of Freemen, having delivered from that angry Heaven which has so long enlightened the World and given us Liberty & Independence, unexampled in Majesty with Ingratitude. —

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already to those noble sentiments and feelings which are so honorable and praiseworthy, though rarely, and sometimes, yet, "that evil, to be exhibited, must be perceivable." This truth is also made worthy of acceptation; it should be recognized as valuable, and discovered in every occasion. But if evils are manifold and great, more for a reason even: Shadows the safeguard tranquility of the Country, the issue out of its misfortunes has been happier than was predicted by its most devoted and sanguine friends; and may I not congratulate my fellow citizens of Texas that they will on tomorrow salute the Morn. Sun under better and more propitious auspices for our state than it could be led to expect at the beginning of the old one & New about to expire? How may it not, also, in this following application, awaken the strength & heart of the nation, tendering congratulations for the general peace, and say truly, in the beautiful and expressive language of the Bible; "The winter (of our discontent) is gone; the rain is over and past; the time of the singing of the flowers is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land!"

We are yet, however, in the midst of stormy agitations, from which the Country can only be relieved by fortitude, perseverance, caution and the active exercise of the most exalted virtues. It is expected, that in every crisis, great and pressing, the hand of all wise and irresistable Providence is palpably traced. We are exempt from the disasters of invasion or external wars; domestic health pervades the land; the horn of plenty is full; and the fountains of religious light and Knowledge are opened to the benighted Citizen.

For these and many other blessings, so conspicuously dispensed to the confederacy, and especially to our own growing State, it becomes us to render our fervent gratitude to the Giver of every good & perfect gift, humbly thanking him that we are yet spared the distinguished privilege of civil and religious Liberty, and to supplicate his guardianship and providence in all future time, for the preservation of that peace and harmony which unites the rich vegetance and of freedom to ever to us.

Now this presence, therefore, I, D. H. Mirabeau B. Lamar, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby Not appoint the first Thursday in March next as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God, and do recommend that the same be observed by the people of this State by abstaining from all secular employments, and all the Officers of the State are requested to close their Offices and Counters on that day.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my

Witness hereof and cause the great seal of the State to be affixed
. Done at Austin, the thirty first day of December,
in the year of our Lord One thousand
eight hundred and forty, and of the
Independence of the United States, the
Sixty fourth, and of Texas, the fifteenth

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
James Webb
Secty of State

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State of Texas.

I P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the powers and authority in me vested, constitute and appoint Gail Borden Esqr. of the City of Galveston in said State a commissioner of the Texas Government to select articles suitable to be used by the Texian Exhibition from the United States; and to perform such other acts as may be required of the Commissioner of the several States in connection with said Exhibition, and in accordance with the resolutions of the "Executive Committee at Washington City." Hereby confering upon the said Gail Borden Esqr. and such others as may be associated with him, on said Commission, full powers to act on the part of the State of Texas in the premises; and in case of the absence of either members of said Commission, giving to him the said Borden authority to act singly in performing the duties which may be required to be performed by said Commission.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin this eleventh day of February A.D. 1837, and of the Independence of the United States the 7th.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Samuel P. Carson
Secty Secty of State

I Simeon Ingenuendamente de lo arriba arriba pienso
la Capt Gail Borden de Galveston, residente en dicha
ciudad sobre de Texas Mexicano, Enero 19th 1837.

State of Texas

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me, that at the Spring Term 1848 of the District Court held in and for the County of Aberdeen, in said State, a Judgment was rendered against Edward Leighton for the sum of five hundred dollars and costs, upon a forfeited recognizance, for failing to attend said Court as a material witness then and there depending against one Edward Leighton, for an offence, and then pending against him, and upon said Judgment an execution has been issued against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of said Leighton, and

Now whereas it has been further represented to me by divers good citizens of the County of Aberdeen aforesaid that said Leighton is a non-resident, that said Judgment is unsatisfied and ought to be collected forthwith.

Therefore, I Edward Burleson, Chief Executive of the State of Texas by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, issue this my Proclamation hereby offering a reward of Fifty Dollars to any person who will apprehend and deliver the said Edward Leighton to the Sheriff of said County of Aberdeen, or to any other officer of said County of Aberdeen, or lodge him in any jail in this State, so that he may be had for trial upon the said indictment aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the day of October A.D. 1848 and of the Independence of the Republic the 13th year.

By the Governor
Edward Burleson

Geo. W. Smith
Secy of State

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State of Texas

Whereas, it has been represented to me, that at a Court held in the County of Harris in said State by Henry Lovenhagen Esquire, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Marcus Williamson was found guilty of an assault & battery upon William G. Moog, and was sentenced by the judgment of said Court to pay a fine of fifty dollars and the costs of prosecution and to stand committed to the custody of the Sheriff until said fine and costs were paid.

Now be it known, that I, P. H. Bell Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, for good and sufficient reasons to me shown, do hereby remit the said fine, and order and direct, that the Sheriff of the said County of Harris discharge the said Marcus Williamson from custody upon his paying the costs of said prosecution and all other costs accruing in said case; and the said Justice will make such entries upon his docket, as may be necessary to give full effect to this remission of said fine.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this 21st day of March A.D. 1857 and of the Independence of the United States the 75th

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

James Webb

Secty of State

State of Texas.

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me, that at the fall Term A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty, of the District Court held in and for the County of Brazoria in said State, a negro man slave named Sober, the property of Robert C. Campbell Esquire, was found guilty of the offence of murder in the second degree, in killing another negro man slave named Jeff; also the property of the said Robert C. Campbell Esqr, and was, by the verdict of the jury and the judgment of said Court, sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary of said State for the term of three years.

And whereas it has also been represented to me by the Honorable Judge who presided at the trial of said slave, by all the members of the bar and officers of said Court who were in attendance on the same, and witnessed said trial, and by divers other good and worthy citizens, that the conviction and sentence of said negro man Sober, although in accordance with the strict rules of law, is nevertheless hard and oppressive under the circumstances of mitigation disclosed and developed on said trial; and the said Judge, members of the bar, officers of the Court and other good Citizens having petitioned the Executive to exercise the power conferred upon him by the Constitution and laws of said State, in granting a pardon to said Negro man Sober for said offence, and to discharge him from his confinement in the Penitentiary under said sentence.

Now be it known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws, and in compliance with the aforesaid representations and petitions, and for divers other good causes to me made known, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said negro man Sober, and do order and direct, that he be discharged from his confinement in the Penitentiary of said State, and from all further custody under and by virtue of the judgment and sentence of the said District Court of Brazoria County, rendered at the fall Term A.D. 1850, against the said negro man slave for the

said Offence of murder in the second degree - And the Clerk of the said District Court of Bexar County, is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon - And the Keeper of said Penitentiary, and all other officers of said State, having the charge and Custody of said Hugo man Soler under said judgment and Sentence, are directed to discharge him from further Custody and confinement in virtue of the same, and for so doing, this shall be their sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this 26th day of March A.D. 1857, and of the Independence of the United States the 75th and of Texas the 16th

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
James Webb
Secretary of State

State of Texas

Be it Known to all to whom these presents shall come, that J. P. Hamilton Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the laws of said State, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint George T. Wood Esqr (heretofore appointed the agent of said State to settle certain claims for military services with the Government of the United States) the attorney of said State, to ask, demand, sue for, and receive from the proper officers of the Treasury Department of the United States, all moneys to which the State of Texas is entitled under the provisions of the second section of an Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled "an Act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty two," approved March 3rd 1851, for advances and payments made to and for the Companies of Texas mounted Rangers commanded by Captains B. F. Neil, J. M. Smith, A. Roberts, J. S. Sutton, J. P. Ross, H. C. McCulloch, J. W. Johnson, and C. Blackwell - And I hereby authorize and empower the said Attorney and Agent upon the receipt of said moneys, to grant and give the necessary receipts and acquittances for the same, in the name of said State of Texas, hereby declaring that the acts of said Agent and Attorney in the premises, shall be as good and valid in law and equity, as if the same had been done and performed by the proper officers of the Treasury of said State, or by any other officer duly authorized by law to perform the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this 26th day of March A.D. 1857, and of the Independence of the United States, the 78th

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
James Webb
Secty of State

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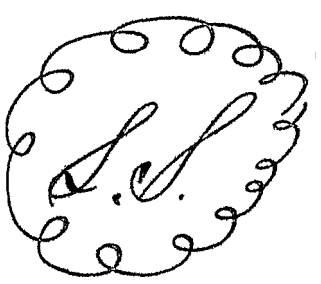
The State of Texas,
A State of the United States of America.

I, the undersigned Governor of the State aforesaid, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws, hereby certify, make known and declare to all whom it may concern, that Edward Wagner is a resident citizen of this State and of the said United States of America, and that he is entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities to such citizenship belonging or in anywise appertaining -

And I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States to permit the said Wagner to freely and peaceably enjoy within their respective jurisdictions the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid -

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, the 29th day of March A.D. 1857, and of the Independence of the United States the 75th and of Texas the 16th -



P. H. Bell

By the Governor
James Webb
Secty of State

Department of State
Austin, April 8th 1851.

R. C. Trimble Esqr
Brownsville.

Dear Sir,

Yours of March 10th came to hand last night, and I now proceed to give you the best information I can on the subject of your enquiries.

The 4th section of the act of March 26. 1848 "to give to each corporate County in this State its own County Surveyor," requires the Chief Justice in each County, after the County Court has complied with certain previous requisites of the law, to order forthwith "an election for a County Surveyor of said County;" and it provides that the "County Surveyors so elected shall hold their Offices until the next succeeding general election for County Officers, and shall thereafter be elected every two years by the qualified electors of their respective Counties." The same act also provides, that every county which has complied with its provisions "shall be a separate land district."

The Department not being informed of the Counties which have complied with the requirements of this act, cannot know whether a Surveyor has been elected for a "land district" corresponding one, or several Counties, unless it appear from the Certificates of election returned to it, by the Chief Justices, who in making out Commissions for those offices (having no other guide) it must necessarily be governed by those Certificates of election.

The election returns from Starr County show that Trimble was duly elected District Surveyor in August 1850, he having rec'd 162 votes, and Daniel Stevens 10 votes. And as opposed to the returns, named above Offices elected in that County, who did not qualify, but as Mr Trimble's name does not occur there, I took it for granted that he has qualified, and consequently must have a Commission as Surveyor of that County, especially the County has a District Surveyor under the provisions of the act of 1848.

The election returns from Nueces County, state that Felix A. Blucher was elected District Surveyor for that County & consequently he also rec'd a Commission.

The returns from Cameron do not show any "Returns of an election held pursuant to law in the County of Cameron, State aforesaid, on the first Monday (being the 4th day) of August 1850, for

for the election of District Surveyor for the Town Patricio & Nuevo
Leon Castilla, viz. H. G. Saunders esq. four hundred and two
votes — C. Duffau esq. two votes — C. Wheeler esq. two votes."

Town Patricio then in order to make the election for
District Surveyor.

No Communication had been made upon the return
from Cameron, because it appeared on the face of the return
of the election for the District of Town Patricio & Nuevo,
that if it were, it did not appear that the persons receiving
the highest vote had accepted and produced —

Of what Counties the "District of Town Patricio and
Nuevo" is now composed, & how and proportioned — The return
from Town & Nuevo, left no doubt in any mind that each
of those Counties had contributed towards the Surveyor,
under the Law; and it also was clear, that every person, the reading
out the Commissions, but if the fact be, that they have not
done so, & that the District still embraces all the Territory which was
within the limits of those Counties when it was created, then
the Commissions were improperly issued and the
State of the Law, & Law are altered, from the returns in the
Department, that ought never to have issued the Surveyor of the District —
This is a circumstance, however, which I cannot decide, and do
not see sufficient data, upon which to have a decision even
if it were competent for me to make one —

If the returns from Cameron, had stated, as did the
returns from Town and Nuevo, that the election was for the
County, & that you had produced, & proved here, your
Commission as District Surveyor for that County, then
according to the returns, such a Commission would be
given —

I am, Sir, your most obedient
Humble Servt
Stephen Austin

State Department
Austin, April 9th 1851.

E. H. Winfield Esqr
Dear Sir,

Your letters of Feby & March ult addressed to his Excellency the Governor, respecting the appointments of Notaries Public for your County, have been handed to me to be answered.

Upon an examination of the Register, it would seem that there are no vacancies for such Offices in Cameron County. I however send you an extract from the Register showing the names and number of persons, who appear to be in Office, and if any of them have resigned or removed from the County, the Department has not been officially notified of the fact. It is, as you are aware, only upon the report of the Chief Justice, that the Department can act in a matter of this sort.

As regards A. J. Woodall Esqr no notice has been received that he ever qualified as Notary Public. His appointment to the Office was made on the 25th January 1850, and circular to the Chief Justice in accordance with law, but no report has been made of his acceptance and qualification other than the Hon. Chief Justice, in a letter dated Oct. 11th 1850 says, "I would inform my friend Department that A. J. Woodall, "Notary Public for said County, has vacated his Office as Notary by qualifying as County Commissioner." This would imply that he had previously accepted & qualified, but at what time, I am uninformed. His notification, however, was Official notice to the Department, that he no longer held the Office, and it was subsequently acted upon, by the making of other appointments - Even before its reception, it was Known at the Department that the Woodalls were no longer in the Office, because the returns of the elections in August 1850, show that Sam Allen was elected a County Commissioner, and that he qualified on or the 5th of September 1850.

The Governor would have no objection to reappointing A. J. Woodall, since his resignation of the Office of County Commissioner as Notary Public, if he were officially informed that there is a vacancy, but the appointment could only take effect from its date and his qualification receive it. The Legislature alone have legislated the said vacancy [illegible] by [illegible] notice

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effect. I regard the Governor have the slightest objection to the appointment of Capt Saunders. Indeed he would be happy to accede it; if from the accounts of the Representation he felt authorized to do so. No doubt exhibitions is entertained as to the correctness of your statement in respect to the number of Salaries now existing in your County, but it is only upon the official information communicated by the Laws, that the Register can be corrected. If you will get this information soon, and shew that the arrangements exist, the appointments you recommend will be made without delay.

With great esteem
Your friend & Servant
Lewis Cass

Extract from the Register of the State Department.

1 "H.L. Hamlet appt. Dec. 18. 1848 — qualifies Jany 29. 1849"
2 "Benja. Moses " May 18. 1849, qualifies June 25. 1849"
3 "Geo. M. McCarren " July 6. 1850, qualifies Augt 1. 1850"
4 "Wm N. Fay " Sept 5. 1850, qualifies Oct. 1. 1850"
5 "Narbone Crane " Dec 28. 1850, No Notice of Qualification in this Office"
6 "J.N. De Blanc " Jany 20. 1851, qualifies July 18. 1851"

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the Spring term A.D. 1851 of the District Court held in and for the County of Nueces, in said State, George Henry was indicted and found guilty of larceny, and by the verdict of the jury and the judgment of said Court, sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary of said State for the term of one year.--

Now, be it known, that I, P. H. Hansborough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State and in compliance with the Petitions of a large number of respectable citizens of said County and for other satisfactory reasons to me shown, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said George Henry, and do order and direct that he be discharged from his confinement in the Penitentiary of said State, and from all further custody under and by virtue of the judgment and sentence of the said District Court of Nueces County, rendered at the Spring term A.D. 1851 against him the said George Henry for the said offence of larceny. And the Clerk of said District Court of Nueces County, is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon.-- And the Keeper of said Penitentiary and all other officers of said State having the charge and custody of said George Henry, under said judgment and sentence, are directed to discharge him from further custody and confinement in virtue of the same; and for so doing, this shall be their sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 18th day of March A.D. 1851, and of the Independence of the United States the 75th and of Texas the 16th

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Thomas Pilsbe
Secty of State

State of Texas -

To all and singular, the Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of said State: - Greeting). -

Whereas it has been represented and made Known to me by his Excellency William Trousdale Expr. Governor of the State of Tennessee, that John B. Turner, William Turner and Richard Turner, late of the of Shelby in said State of Tennessee, stand charged therein, with the Offence of an assault to Kill and Murder in the first degree, and with aiding and abetting in said assault; and that the said John B. Turner, William Turner and Richard Turner have fled from justice in said State of Tennessee, and are now demanding asylum in the State of Texas;

And whereas the said William Trousdale Expr. Governor of said State of Tennessee has, in pursuance of the Act of Congress entitled "An act respecting Fugitives from Justice" demanded that I cause the said Turners to be arrested if found within the limits of the State of Texas, and safely delivered to Joseph C Williams, the agent of said State of Tennessee, that they be taken to said State and dealt with according to Law.

Now therefore, Know ye,

That I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State and in pursuance of the said act of Congress, do issue this my warrant, commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of said State to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting the said John B. Turner, William Turner and Richard Turner, to deliver to the said Joseph C. Williams agent of said State of Tennessee, in order that they be taken back to said State of Tennessee, to be dealt with for said Offence according to Law.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, the 22nd day of April A.D. 1851, and of the Independence of the United States the 75th & of Texas the 16th

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Ashbel F. Smith
Secty of State

Circular
To Assessors and Collectors —

State Department
Austin, April 30, 1857

Sir,

Below you will find a copy of the law of the last Legislature, in regard to the enumeration of the inhabitants of the State for the present year, and also, the form, which you will please observe in making out your returns.

Very Respectfully
Your obd't serv't
James F. Johnson
Sec'y of State

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State of Texas.

Whereas it has been represented to me that, at the Fall Term A.D. 1850 of the District Court of San Augustine County, George Greenwood, a citizen of said County, was found guilty upon an indictment for making a lottery and fined in the sum of fifty dollars.

And Whereas, also at the Spring Term A.D. 1851 of said Court, the aforesaid George Greenwood was found guilty upon another indictment for the same Offence, and fined in the sum of fifty dollars, and

Whereas, the Judge, and Officers of said Court, and divers other good citizens of said County of San Augustine have petitioned that said fines be remitted.

Now be it known, that I, P. H. Bell Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State and in Compliance with the wishes of said petitioners and for other satisfactory reasons to me shown, do hereby remit the said fines, and release, discharge and acquit the said George Greenwood from the payment of the same, and the proper Officer of the Court by which said fines were imposed in said County of San Augustine is hereby directed and required to erase the same entries on the records of said Court as may be necessary to give due effect to the remission of said fines.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this 23rd day of May A.D. 1851, and of the Independence of the United States the 75th and of Texas, the 16th

L.S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Reuben F. Peterson
Dety Secretary of State.

Proclamation,

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, by an Act of the Legislature approved March 20th 1848, it is required that an election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of the General Land Office, be held throughout this State on the first Monday in August next.

Now, therefore, I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that polls be opened at the several precincts of the respective Counties in this State, on the first Monday (the fourth day) of August next, for the election, by ballot, of a Governor, a Lieutenant Governor and a Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The Chief Justices of the several Counties (and in case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) will, accordingly, give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties, on the said first Monday (the fourth day) of August next, for the election as aforesaid, of a Governor, a Lieutenant Governor and a Commissioner of the General Land Office of this State. The Chief Justices, or County Commissioners, in case wherein they are authorized by law to discharge the duties of Chief Justices of the several Counties of the State, will promptly make duplicate returns of the elections for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, carefully sealed up, one of which shall be transmitted to the seat of Government, and directed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, endorsed, "Election returns of County for Governor, &c. & Lieutenant Governor," and the other shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court.

The returns of the elections for Commissioner of the General Land Office, will, in like manner, be made in duplicate, separately, carefully sealed up, one of which made, to be transmitted to the seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State and endorsed "Election returns of County for Commissioner of the General Land Office."

And whereas, by the said Act, it is also required that an election be held in the several precincts of the respective Counties of the first and second Congressional Districts for Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

Therefore, I do hereby further order and direct, that the Chief Justices (and in case of Vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or the inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the Counties of Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jasper, Jefferson, Kaufman, Lamar, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Polk, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Tyler, Van Zandt, Upshur, Wood, respectively, composing the first Congressional District; and of the Counties of Austin, Bastrop, Bell, Bosque, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Ellis, El Paso, Falls, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hays, Harris, Jackson, Kinney, La Vaca, Leon, Limestone, Matagorda, McLennan, Medina, Milam, Montgomery, Navarro, Nueces, Panola, Refugio, Robertson, San Patricio, Starr, Tarrant, Travis, Victoria, Walker, Washington, Webb, Williamson, and Wharton, respectively, composing the second Congressional District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened and held at the several precincts of their respective Counties for the election of a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the District to which the said Counties may respectively belong, and due returns made, in duplicate, carefully sealed up, one of which shall be transmitted to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election returns of County for Representative in the Congress of the United States," and the other shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court.

And whereas, by an act of the Legislature approved Feby 11. 1850, it is required that an election, for one Chief Justice and two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, be held throughout the State, at the most regular election, previous to the expiration of their respective terms of Office, and Whereas, the respective terms of the said Offices expire on the 2nd March 1852; Therefore I do further order and direct, that the Chief Justices of the several Counties (and in case of Vacancy

in the office of Chief Justice or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective counties, on the said first Monday (the fourth day) of August, for the election aforesaid, of one Chief Justice and to Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, and due returns made thereof in duplicate, carefully sealed up, one of which shall be transmitted to the seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election returns of ____ County for Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court," and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court; and

Whereas, the terms of the offices of the Judges of the second, third and fourth Judicial Districts of said State will expire in the Month of April 1852; and whereas, the Judges of the fifth and eleventh Judicial Districts of said State have resigned their said Offices; Therefore by virtue of the aforesaid act of the Legislature, I do further order and direct, that the Chief Justices (and in case of Vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or the inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the respective counties composing the second, third, fourth, fifth and Eleventh Judicial Districts, give due notice and cause polls to be opened as aforesaid, on the first Monday (the fourth day) of August next at the several precincts of their respective counties, for the election of a District Judge for the District to which the said Counties may respectively belong, and returns promptly made, in duplicate, carefully sealed up, one of which shall be transmitted to the seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election returns of ____ County for Judge of ____ Judicial District," and the other deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court.

And Whereas, a Vacancy exists in the Office of District Attorney for the eleventh Judicial District, I do hereby further order and direct that the Chief Justices of the several Counties comprising the said District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened as aforesaid, at the several precincts of their respective Counties, for the election of said Officer, and make due returns as above directed.

And Whereas, the Legislature at its last regular session, and, under the requirements of the Constitution, and according to the Census of the year 1850, apportion the Senators, Repre-

Representatives of the several districts and Counties in the State:

Therefore, I do hereby proclaim and direct, that the Chief Justices of the several Counties do cause a Return in the Office of Chief Justice, on or before the first day of the County Courts next after the election, and cause public notice to be given and proclaimed at the several Precincts of their respective Counties, for the elections of Senators and Representatives in the next State Legislature, as follows, to wit:

Senators.

District No 1. Perquimons and Pasquotank, shall elect one Senator, and shall make returns to the Chief Justice of Perquimons County.

No 2 — Currituck and Camden shall elect one Senator, and shall make returns to the Chief Justice of Currituck County.

No 3 — Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Jones and Onslow, shall elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Craven County.

No 4 — Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington and Tyrrell, shall elect one Senator, and shall make returns to the Chief Justice of Hyde County.

No 5 — Tyrrell and Gates shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Gates County.

No 6 — Martin, Bertie and Northampton shall elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Martin County.

No 7 — Chowan and Pasquotank shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Chowan County.

No 8 — Perquimons and Pasquotank shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Perquimons County.

No 9 — Currituck and Camden shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Currituck County.

No 10 — Pasquotank, Gates, Perquimons and Chowan shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Pasquotank County.

No 11 — Northampton, Halifax and Warren shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Halifax County.

No 12 — Granville and Person shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Granville County.

No 13 — Wake, Johnston, Nash and Edgecombe shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Nash County.

No 14 — Wilson, Robeson, Sampson, Bladen, Cumberland and Brunswick shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Wilson County.

No 15 — Montgomery, Stanly and Rowan shall elect one Senator, and shall return to the Chief Justice of Montgomery County.

No 16 — Washington, Austin, and Fortbend, will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Austin County.

No 17 — Harris will elect one Senator.

No 18 — Galveston and Brazoria will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Galveston County.

No 18 — Matagorda, Wharton, Colorado, Jackson, Calhoun, and Victoria will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Jackson County.

No 20 — Fayette, Bastrop and Colorado will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Bastrop County.

No 21 — Travis, Hays and Gillespie will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Travis County.

No 22 — Bexar, Medina and Comal will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Bexar County.

No 23 — Guadalupe, Gonzales, La Vaca, De Witt and Goliad will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of De Witt County.

No 24 — Cameron and Nueces will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Cameron County.

No 25 — Nueces, Webb, San Patricio and Refugio will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Nueces County.

No 26 — Presidio and El Paso will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of El Paso County.

Representatives.

District No 1 — Jefferson and Jasper will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Jefferson County.

No 2 — Liberty and Polk will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Liberty County.

No 3. Jefferson, Jasper, Liberty and Polk will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Polk County.

No 4 — Nacogdoches, Sabine and Shelby will elect two Representatives and make returns to the Chief Justice of Sabine County.

No 5 — Anderson and Houston will elect two Representatives, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Anderson County.

No 6 — Angelina and Nacogdoches will elect two Representatives and make returns to the Chief Justice of Nacogdoches County.

No 7 — San Augustine will elect one Representative.

No 8 — Shelby will elect one Representative.

No 9 — Shelby and San Augustine will elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of San Augustine County.

No 10 - Rusk will elect two Representatives.

No 11 - Harrison and Upshur will elect two Representatives and make returns to the Chief Justice of Harrison County.

No 12 - Panola will elect one Representative.

No 13. Cass will elect one Representative.

No 14. Cass and Bowie will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Cass County.

No 15 - Cherokee will elect two Representatives.

No 16. Smith will elect one Representative.

No 17. Henderson and Kaufman will elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of Henderson County.

No 18 - Hunt and Fannin will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Hunt County.

No 19 - Hopkins will elect one Representative.

No 20 - Titus will elect one Representative.

No 21. Red River will elect two Representatives.

No 22. Lamar will elect two Representatives.

No 23. Fannin will elect one Representative.

No 24. Fannin, Grayson and Cook, will elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of Fannin County.

No 25. Collin and Denton will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Collin County.

No 26. Dallas will elect one Representative.

No 27. Navarro and Limestone will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Limestone County.

No 28 - Leon, Robertson and Brazos will elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of Robertson County.

No 29. Milam and Williamson will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Milam County.

No 30. Gaines will elect one Representative.

No 31. Harris will elect one Representative

No 32. Montgomery will elect one Representative.

No 33. Harris will elect three Representatives

No 34. Galveston will elect two Representatives

No 35. Brazoria will elect one Representative.

No 36. Fort Bend and Colorado will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Fort Bend County.

No 37 - Austin will elect one Representative.

No 38. Washington will elect one Representative.

No 39. Washington and Burleson will elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of Washington County.

No 40. Zapata and Starr unite elect one Representative.

No 41. Bastrop and Lee unite elect one Representative.

No 42. Travis and Hays unite elect one Representative.

No 43. Gillespie and Comal unite elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Comal County.

No 44. Bexar and Medina unite elect two Representatives, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Bexar County.

No 45. Bexar, Medina, Comal and Gillespie unite elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Bexar County.

No 46. Guadalupe, Hays and Caldwell unite elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of Guadalupe County.

No 47. Gonzales and Lavaca unite elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of Gonzales County.

No 48. Wharton, Matagorda and Jackson unite elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of Matagorda County.

No 49. Victoria and Calhoun unite elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Victoria County.

No. 50. De Witt and Goliad unite elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of Goliad County.

No 51. Colorado unite elect two Representatives.

No 52. Starr and Edwards unite elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Edwards County.

No 53. Webb, Nueces, San Patricio and Refugio unite elect two Representatives and make returns to the Chief Justice of Nueces County.

No 54. Presidio and El Paso unite elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of El Paso County.

The Chief Justices of the said several Senatorial and Representative Districts, do return the Returns here to be made, (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, the inability of that officer to act, then any Two of the County Commissioners) unite give to the Senators and Representatives elect, of their respective Districts, the proper certificate of election, and make returns thereof, according to Law, to the Secretary of State, endorsed "Election Returns for Senators and Representatives".

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at Austin, this 21st day of May 1851, and of the Independence of Texas, the fifteenth year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Geo. W. Smyth

Dep Secretary of State

The following Papers were received to give the foregoing Proclamation, viz:
The State Gazette. The South Western Pioneer,
The Beacon, Harrisonville Star,
Bellas Herald, Texas Republican,
Clarke & Sterrett, Texas Star,
Texas Banner, Rio Grande Herald,
Texas Advocate, Colorado Citizen, and
Galveston News - -

State Department
Austin, July 9th 1837.-

Hond Chief Justice,
Harrison County,
Sir,

In the Proclamation for the General Elections in August next, You observed a mistake in reference to the election of Representatives in the State Legislature to which I beg leave to call your attention, in order that no mistake may be made in the arrangements of electing them.

According to the Proclamation alluded to, Harrison and Upshur form the eleventh Representative District and are required to elect two Representatives; This is incorrect.

The County of Harrison forms the eleventh Representative District and is to elect one Representative; the County of Harrison and Upshur together the fifty first Representative and is to elect one Representative. The Chief Justice of Harrison County will receive the returns and give the Certificate to the persons elected, and your mistake is in not giving your results of elections accordingly.

The mistake occurred in consequence of the Legislature having last January 11th 1837 Created Counties, which you can find and refer to. Vol. 3. Laws of the State of Texas - Page 184.-

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Asaph H. Robinson
Actg Secretary

A letter, similar to the above was addressed to the Chief Justice of Nacogdoches, Shelby and Angelina Counties.-

State Department
Austin, 16th July 1831.

C. C. Hockley Esqr
Galveston.—

Dear Sir,

I have just received a letter from your brother, A. H. Hockley Esqr. dated Palestine, June 23rd 1831, on the subject of the late log Canoes of Goods of the Copies of "Headlys Report" which had been delivered to them for distribution in the several Counties east of the Brazos River.— About three months since, I received a similar letter from him, forwarded from Velasco, to which I immediately replied, and gave him all the information which I possessed on the subject, and which I was then prepared to give to you.

From the tenor of his last letter, I apprehend he did not receive my answer to his first, altho' it was directed to the place from whence he wrote to me, and on the outside of the envelope, the Post Master was requested to forward it to him, should he have left that place upon its arrival.

Directly after receiving your brothers first letter, I called upon Mr. Morris, who was then here, for an explanation of his conduct.— He admitted that one package of the books delivered to him for distribution, had been sent, but explained it in the following way.— He said that he started two days from this place on different routes, with the books for distribution, under the charge of drivers who had been recommended to him as honest, sober and correct, and that the driver who followed after, first on one route and then on the other to see that they were properly performing their duties.— That on getting upon the track of them, in the East, he learned that he was acting unfaithfully, and on overtaking them found that he had sold one of the packs out of his wagon, was then hiring to sell the wagon, and had opened one package of books and sold all its contents except three or four Copies.— That he took the wagon and remainder of the books out of his possession, and discharged your brother with the distribution, that Morris might sell the few remaining Copies of the fourteen packages to the Citizens of the County for which they were intended, and pay him his account for them, he thinks the dollar would be to distribute of them, and return

immediately to this place and purchase from your agent a sufficient quantity to supply the deficiency, and to take them directly on to the proper County, and that his return to this place was for that object alone - Nor did you ask me to furnish him from the Department - had he done so, I should most unquestionably have refused, but I understood he had or intended to purchase them from your agent and I presume that he did so - Nor did he ever so much as aware there was any difference between the books delivered by you to the Department and those intended for sale, but had he known it, it was the only mode he could adopt to remedy the evil, which he seemed to regret.

When I made the contract with Irwin to distribute these books, I took from him a bond and ample security, for the faithful performance of his contract - It was all I could do - and I told him, when conversing with him on the subject of your brother's letter, that the Department would not settle with him until he brought the receipt of every Chief Justice to whom the books were to be delivered and that unless he brought those receipts, suit against himself and securities would be brought upon the bond -

Most of the receipts have come in - Some few are yet wanting - but he accounts for it by saying that when his waggons were out distributing, they were frequently by high waters from reaching some of the County seats, and had to deposit the books at the most convenient points for their distribution after the waters subsided, and that he was now out to see that they had been duly forwarded to their destined points.

As your brother did not receive my answer to his first letter, I must request this favor of you, to communicate the contents of this to him, I do not know where a letter would find him. He did not in his first, request me to write to you, or I should have done so.

With great respect
Your friend & Servt
Reuben Webb

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, Joseph D. McCutcheon, a Repre-
-sentative elected from the 27th Representative
District Composed of the Counties of Navarro,
Limestone, Freestone, Ellis and Tarrant, has resigned
his office of Representative of said District.

Therefore, be it Known that I, P. Hansbrough
Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of
the authority in me vested by the Constitution and
laws of said State hereby, order and direct the Chief
Justices of the several Counties above mentioned (and
in case of Vacancy in the office of Chief Justice,
or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of
the County Commissioners) to give due and legal
notice of not less than four days for an election to
be held in on the fourth monday (the 27th day) of
October next, at the several precincts in their respec-
-tive Counties for a Representative to supply the
vacancy occasioned by said resignation, and make
due returns thereof to the Chief Justice of Limestone
County (and in case of vacancy in the office of such
Chief Justice of Limestone County, or inability of that
Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners)
will give to the Representative elect of said District,
the proper Certificate of Election, and make due returns
thereof, according to law, to the Secretary of State,
indorsed "Election returns for Representative of the 27th
Representative District"

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be
affixed.

Done at the City of Austin, the
29th day of September A.D. 1851,
of the Independence of the United
States the 76th and of Texas the 16th

By the Governor
James H. Stinson
Asst Secretary of State

P. H. Bell

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State Department
Austin, Sept. 29th 1851

Hon. Chief Justice,
Limestone County,
Sir,

Herewith you receive the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, ordering an election in the Counties of Navarro, Limestone, Freestone, Ellis and Tarrant, for a Representative to the Legislature to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of J. D. McCorkle Esqr.

As the time is short for holding this election and enabling the returns to be made the Representative elect to take his seat at the approaching session, His Excellency requests me to urge upon you the necessity of causing the utmost expedition to be used in the case.

I have forwarded a Copy of the Proclamation and of this note to the Chief Justices of Navarro, Freestone, Ellis and Tarrant Counties.

I have the honor to be
Your obt servt
Thomas F. Johnson
Actg Secty of State

A copy of the foregoing Proclamation was forwarded to the Chief Justice of Limestone, Navarro, Freestone, Ellis and Tarrant, together with a Copy of the foregoing note.

J. F. J.
A. S. of S.

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Elections Returns

Official.

Be it known, that on this the 6th day of October 1851, the returns so far as received, of the elections in this State, on the second day of August last, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Representatives in the Congress of the United States, Judges of the 1st 2nd 4th 5th and 11th Judicial Districts, and District Attorneys of the 11th Judicial District, are officially and correctly according to law, and the following is the result thereof:

Counties	Chief Justice		Associate Justices Supreme Court				Commissioner Land Office		
	Hemphill	Scattering	Wheeler	Lipscomb	Webb	Scattering	Cooke	Price	Scattering
Anderson	403	~	310	107	104	~	333	117	~
Angelina	112	~	128	86	45	~	88	57	~
Austin	317	~	201	256	110	1	264	51	~
Bastrop	421	1	168	203	381	~	366	73	~
Bell	175	~	107	107	81	~	169	16	~
Bexar	1227	~	930	312	922	~	400	714	~
Bowie	148	~	75	133	~	~	105	40	~
Brazoria	215	~	211	76	152	~	45	180	~
Brazos	56	~	45	49	2	~	58	6	~
Burleson	176	~	119	114	89	~	178	9	~
Cadwell	248	~	161	85	187	~	239	9	~
Calhoun	65	~	43	38	46	~	111	37	~
Cameron	388	~	388	487	818	~	235	130	~
Cass	481	~	332	266	297	~	350	171	~
Bowie	1057	~	868	228	273	~	264	321	~
Collin	227	~	187	167	51	~	272	15	~
Colorado	197	~	154	166	70	~	146	24	~
Coryell	171	~	147	28	32	~	143	17	~
Cooke	27	~	25	28	6	~	38	1	~
Dallas	408	~	307	286	31	~	376	60	~

Counties	Chief Justice		Associate Justices Supreme Court				County Courts		
	Shaw	Scott	Wheeler	Lipscomb	Webb	Scott	Cooke	Wise	Scott
Denton	72	--	56	20	33	--	93	2	--
De Witt	147	--	83	53	135	--	138	19	--
Ellis	90	--	78	76	11	--	75	20	--
El Paso	536	--	504	19	486	--	457	66	--
Erath	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fannin	372	1	332	322	82	--	316	21	--
Fayette	497	--	217	312	412	--	465	26	--
Fort Bend	171	--	140	103	90	--	146	42	--
Freestone	46	--	41	38	21	2	38	27	--
Galveston	396	--	333	264	89	--	186	203	--
Gillespie	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Goliad	72	--	58	66	23	--	48	22	--
Gonzales	270	--	187	165	161	--	225	51	--
Grayson	223	--	219	214	11	--	223	44	--
Grimes	322	--	201	269	44	--	248	76	--
Guadalupe	205	--	166	161	103	--	184	18	--
Harris	615	--	336	577	324	--	237	391	--
Harrison	651	--	575	434	436	--	346	461	--
Hays	48	--	40	16	41	--	36	--	--
Henderson	90	--	87	75	16	--	64	35	--
Hopkins	97	--	118	112	76	--	215	35	--
Houston	276	--	209	226	72	--	170	92	--
Hunt	170	--	163	138	35	--	207	17	--
Jackson	115	--	75	103	41	--	92	25	--
Jasper	244	--	250	208	41	--	232	6	--
Jefferson	176	1	158	95	35	1	212	1	--
Jonesboro	169	--	159	156	3	--	167	2	--
Lamar	462	--	405	385	37	--	301	143	--
La Vaca	211	--	109	312	101	--	178	18	--
Leon	232	1	193	171	65	--	173	40	--
Liberty	237	--	193	161	33	--	160	108	--
Limestone	141	--	111	111	17	--	150	37	--
Matagorda	193	8	161	57	126	--	164	47	--
McLennan	120	--	87	90	48	--	114	16	--

Counties	Chief Justice		Associate Justices			Dist. Court	Commissioners Court & Justices		
	Municipal	Statistics	Wheeler	Lipscomb	Webb	Statistics	County	Road	Municipal
Medina	133	—	132	48	79	—	51	75	—
Milam	196	—	140	84	128	2	193	5	1
Montgomery	243	—	212	235	96	—	227	21	10
Nacogdoches	337	4	363	317	171	—	377	235	—
Navarro	154	—	115	174	137	—	332	22	—
Newton	166	—	135	64	93	—	134	19	—
Nueces	221	—	32	59	202	—	75	154	—
Panola	241	—	221	177	124	—	226	76	34
Polk	257	—	204	149	111	2	219	57	—
Red River	402	—	392	295	114	—	324	83	—
Refugio	74	—	43	17	49	—	32	42	—
Robertson	128	—	81	103	37	—	131	17	—
Rusk	1.192	—	1.016	999	141	—	752	439	—
Sabine	239	—	219	201	20	—	189	42	—
San Augustine	379	—	344	276	86	—	256	134	—
San Patricio	43	—	37	22	21	—	20	23	—
Smith	382	—	526	314	269	—	127	470	—
Starr	600	—	383	391	12	—	407	178	—
Starr	164	—	142	55	133	—	29	136	—
Terrant	27	—	22	13	13	—	70	5	—
Titus	475	—	280	289	308	—	332	136	4
Travis	611	—	286	278	464	—	486	122	—
Tarrant	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tyler	132	—	136	136	18	—	186	3	—
Upshur	194	—	183	133	83	—	165	74	11
Uvalde	81	—	73	57	18	—	79	19	—
Victoria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Walker	411	—	272	374	179	—	365	98	—
Washington	629	—	358	621	215	—	336	121	—
Webb	356	—	127	66	280	—	267	117	—
Williamson	241	—	181	103	198	—	238	28	—
Wharton	124	—	101	26	115	—	97	20	7
Wood	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	23.946	15	18.229	15.518	11.097	8	18.257	2.290	72

First Congressional District

Counties	Slaves	Colored	Whites	Slaveowners	Ag. & Mar.	Academies
Anderson	325	134	24	1	—	1
Angelina	53	96	21	—	—	—
Bowie	97	43	—	1	—	—
Cass	363	206	15	8	2	—
Cherokee	542	454	64	15	—	—
Collin	240	88	35	—	12	2
Cooke	35	2	—	—	—	—
Dallas	368	75	18	21	1	1
Denton	70	21	15	—	—	—
Fannin	251	120	28	4	27	—
Grayson	220	37	27	—	4	—
Harrison	212	572	21	33	—	—
Henderson	79	58	2	1	—	—
Hopkins	243	52	61	—	—	8
Houston	154	65	25	—	—	—
Hunt	207	31	9	—	2	2
Jasper	99	93	38	5	—	—
Jefferson	84	30	57	—	—	—
Kaufman	138	46	2	—	—	1
Lamar	257	97	17	3	181	—
Liberty	140	34	32	1	—	2
Nacogdoches	303	321	20	1	—	—
Navarro	45	36	43	34	—	—
Panola	212	126	67	16	—	—
Polk	167	58	6	1	—	—
Red River	313	120	8	—	35	—
Rusk	716	527	17	10	6	—
Sabine	137	34	56	9	—	—
San Augustine	165	34	238	17	—	—
Shelby	202	73	23	34	—	1
Smith	413	184	18	—	—	—
Titus	347	165	13	—	—	—
Taylor	56	25	50	8	—	—
Wise	70	26	16	—	—	—
	7.351	4.227	1.116	532	240	17

173 [illegible] from Smith [illegible] Wood Counties.

Second Congressional District

Counties	Howard	McLeod	Lewis	Potter	Murphy
Austin	191	43	80	28	5
Bastrop	259	88	76	5	5
Bell	85	17	42	31	8
Bexar	955	40	278	6	1
Burgoin	36	143	44	11	1
Bayos	27	1	26	9	—
Burleson	119	21	30	1	2
Caldwell	70	70	101	5	1
Calhoun	67	48	16	10	1
Cameron	321	314	201	23	—
Colorado	65	37	79	46	3
Comal	144	1	5	2	—
De Witt	79	8	42	6	—
Ellis	30	30	3	5	2
El Paso	327	238	—	—	—
Falls	—	—	—	—	—
Fayette	197	67	126	5	113
Fort-Bend	62	39	68	3	—
Freestone	65	19	—	24	—
Galveston	96	110	20	191	—
Gillespie	—	—	—	—	—
Goliad	35	8	8	13	4
Gonzales	108	86	49	33	4
Grimes	240	23	12	102	1
Guadalupe	162	30	14	9	1
Hays	49	3	3	—	—
Harris	209	140	94	175	2
Jackson	35	30	18	13	27
La Vaca	135	72	12	22	3
Leon	133	37	48	26	—
Limestone	144	23	10	13	1
Matagorda	75	80	31	6	—
Milam	38	53	25	6	1

Second Congressional District

Counties	Navarro	Milam	Limestone	Potter	Marion
Medina	118	3	7	1	—
Milam	77	12	86	14	2
Montgomery	132	33	1	110	—
Nueces	8	173	49	—	—
Navarro	258	23	6	52	—
Refugio	49	26	1	—	—
Robertson	99	—	43	9	—
San Patricio	26	4	13	—	—
Starr	91	3	18	3	—
Tarrant	24	10	1	—	—
Travis	266	212	86	24	12
Victoria	—	—	—	—	—
Walker	280	45	15	118	—
Washington	189	90	344	42	—
Webb	1	190	174	—	—
Williamson	157	57	23	22	4
Wharton	54	12	50	—	5
	4.418	2.872	2.548	1.228	209

Second Judicial District

Counties	Navarro	Ellis	Freestone
Fayette	230	64	190
Bastrop	153	165	108
Williamson	116	35	91
Travis	280	186	98
Caldwell	92	87	49
Hays	3	16	29
Guadalupe	37	31	108
Comal	14	149	2
	925	733	675

Third Judicial District

Counties	Baylor	Stephens
Washington	546	27
Burleson	157	—
Milam	130	8
Bell	144	—
McLennan	70	—
Falls	—	—
Limestone	132	—
Leon	127	1
Robertson	111	—
Brazos	51	—
Freestone	60	—
	1566	36

Fourth Judicial District

County	Davies	Clear Lake
Nueces	47	175
San Patricio	3	38
Refugio	45	19
Bexar	912	285
Medina	92	40
Gillespie	----	----
	1099	557

Fifth Judicial District

County	Hicks	Taylor	Orlando	Cowan
Milam	418	3	88	86
Falvine	135	19	33	73
San Augustine	99	24	107	134
Sanger	122	16	67	48
Fenton	26	12	58	86
Angelina	20	63	70	13
Nacogdoches	63	474	86	10
	871	611	509	470

Eleventh Judicial District

County	Population over 14 yrs		Children over 14 yrs	Academies
El Paso	529	El Paso	513	23

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented unto Governor Roberts that at the Spring Term A.D. 1851 of the District Court held in and for the County of Cameron in said State, Hezekiah Crawford was indicted, tried and found guilty of the Offence of an Assault upon the body of one Jeremiah Brantmeute with the intent him the said Brantmeute to kill and murder, and was by the verdict of the Jury and Sentence of the Court sentenced for said offence to be punished by Confinement in the Penitentiary of said State for the Term of one year.

Now be it known, that I P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and in Compliance with the petitions of the Members of the Bar & Judge before whom said Indictment was had, of the Jury which rendered said Verdict, of the respectable of the Bar, and a large number of respectable Citizens of said County, and for other satisfactory reasons to me thereunto, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Hezekiah Crawford for the Offence aforesaid, and do accept said Conviction from the punishment ordered and directed by said Sentence, and from all Penal Costs, Charges and Liabilities resulting from said Offence and Conviction. And the Clerk of said District Court of Cameron County is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon, and the Sheriff of said County of Cameron or whatever other Officer may have the said Hezekiah Crawford in Custody by virtue of said Sentence and Conviction is hereby directed to discharge him the said Hezekiah Crawford from said Custody, and he shall be at large, free from said Sentence and Conviction, and from all the Penal Consequences of said Offence, and for so doing, this shall be their sufficient Warrant

To testify nothing, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this 7th day of October A.D. 1851 and of the 76th year of the Independence of the United States, and of Texas the 16th

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Peter H. Bell

Secretary of State

State of Texas

Whereas it has been made known to me, that at the January Term A.D. 1851, of the District Court of Shelby County, in said State, Jack Williams, a citizen of said County was convicted and found guilty of the offence of Horse Stealing, and was by the Judgement of said Court sentenced to pay a fine of two hundred dollars, and be imprisoned for the term of six Months in the Penitentiary Jail of said County, for said offence.

Now therefore be it known, that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and in pursuance with the petitions of a large number of respectable citizens of said County, and for other satisfactory reasons to me known, do hereby release and exonerate the said Jack Williams from the Sentencement of said Court, and do hereby order and direct that the said Jack Williams be released and discharged from all liability of said Sentencement, except the costs of prosecution. And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Shelby is directed and required to make such entries upon the records of said Court as will give full effect to the premises and the release of said Williams.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at the City of Austin, this the 8th day of Oct. A.D. 1851, and of the Independence of Texas the 16th

By the Governor
Wm. R. Scurry
Sec. of State

P. H. Bell

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Proclamation.
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas it has been made known to me, that S. E. Goss late of the County of Wharton in said State, was indicted by the Grand Jury of said County, at the fall term A.D. 1858, of the District Court of said County, for murder committed upon the body of Willis Johnson of said County of Wharton about the 25th day of October 1848, and is now a fugitive from Justice.

Therefore be it Known, that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the Authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do, hereby offer a reward of Five hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said S. E. Goss into the Custody of the Sheriff of Wharton County, that he may be dealt with according to law, for said offence.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and Caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this the 9th day of October A.D. 1851 and of the Independence of Texas the sixteenth.

L.S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor.
Ashbel F. Johnson.
Actg Secretary of State

The said Goss is tall and slender, about 5 feet 11 inches, about 30 years of age, has very black eyes and hair, is intelligent and polite in his manners, and a practicing Physician

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State

Whereas, it has been made Known to me, that Thomas J. Bacomb, late of the County of Fort Bend, in the State aforesaid, on the 14th day of October 1850, committed a murder upon the body of William B. Nibbs, and that the said Thomas J. Bacomb fled, and is now a fugitive from Justice.

Therefore, be it Known that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the Authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do, hereby, offer a reward of five hundred dollars, for the apprehension and delivery of the said Thomas J. Bacomb into the Custody of the Sheriff of Fort Bend County, that he may be dealt with according to law, for said Offence.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, the 9th day of October A.D. 1837, and of the Independence of Texas the sixteenth

L.S.

By the Governor
Thos. H. Johnson
Act'g Secretary of State

P. H. Bell

The said Thomas J. Bacomb is about five feet 8 inches high, and about 35 years of age, has brown hair, blue eyes, a thin florid Complexion, low square forehead, resolute Countenance and is of about square built form.

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Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas it has been represented, and made known to me, that at the fall Term A.D. 1850 of the District Court of Brazoria County, the Grand Jury of said County presented an indictment against Abraham, a negro man slave, the property of one Richard P. Jones of said County, for the murder of Warren Keating, committed in said County on the 6th day of November 1850, and whereas, the said Abraham has never been arrested, and is now a fugitive from Justice.

Therefore, be it known that I, P. H. Bell, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the constitution & laws of said State, Governor of said State of Texas, do hereby offer a reward of Two hundred Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Abraham into the Custody of the Sheriff of Brazoria County, that he may be dealt with according to law, for said Offence.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the 9th day of October A.D. 1851, and of the Independence of Texas, the sixteenth

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Ashbel Smith
Actg Secretary of State

The said Abraham is about 40 years of age, very black, about 5 feet 7 inches high, stout and well made, his hair perhaps a little grey, has a bold and resolute countenance, and is a remarkable negro.

N.B. The following papers, viz. "The Register", "The Texas Republican" and "The San Antonio Ledger" are requested to publish the foregoing Proclamation, each four times.

The State of Texas:

To all to whom these presents shall come: Greeting:

Whereas Clement Young, late of our County of El Paso, by the indictment of a grand Jury of said County, stands charged with the offence of obtaining money under false pretences in violation of the Statute of our said State in such cases made and provided, a copy of which said indictment is hereto annexed and certified to be authentic.

And, Whereas it has been represented to me that said Clement Young has fled from justice, and is now in the State of Maryland; I do, therefore, make a requisition on the Governor of the last named State for the said Clement Young to be delivered as such fugitive from justice to my agent, who is authorized to receive said fugitive and bring him to the State of Texas, having jurisdiction of said offence, and deliver his body into the custody of the Sheriff of our said County of El Paso to be kept in the said Sheriff until he may abide his trial for the crime with which he is stand charged.

Now, Therefore, in pursuance of the constitution and laws of the United States, I have appointed, and do hereby appoint Abram Morrel as my said agent, to receive said fugitive as aforesaid, and to do and perform all and singular the duties and requirements above specified in the premises to be done and performed by said agent, and for which this shall be his sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Austin the Seventeenth day of October A.D. 1857, in the year of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th

L.S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Anson P. Johnson

Sec'y Secretary of State

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The State of Texas,
To His Excellency the
President of the United States.

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me, that Clement Young late of our County of El Paso, stands charged by the indictment of a Grand Jury of said County, with the offence of obtaining money under false pretences, in violation of the Statute of our said State, in such cases made and provided; and that the said Clement Young has fled from our said County of El Paso, and is now a fugitive from justice, supposed to be lurking either in the State of Maryland, or in the District of Columbia; and,

Whereas, a certified copy of said indictment, under the hand and official seal of the Clerk of the District Court of our said County, is exposed to accompany this my requisition on His Excellency the Governor of the State of Maryland, for said fugitive, should he be found in said State of Maryland, which said copy of said indictment will be delivered to your Excellency, should it be necessary.

Now, I do therefore, in the name of our said State, respectfully to request, that your Excellency will cause the said Clement Young, if found in said District of Columbia, to be arrested as such fugitive from justice, and delivered to my Agent, Abram Morrel, hereby duly appointed to receive said fugitive, and to bring him to the State of Texas, having jurisdiction of said offence, in order that he may be delivered to the Sheriff of our said County of El Paso, to be by him dealt with according to law for the offence with which he is above charged.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this seventeenth day of Oct. A.D. 1851, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the seventh.

[seal]

P. H. Bell

By the Governor.
James H. Johnson
Act'g Secretary of State

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Executive Department
Austin, October 20th 1841.

Thomas H. Duval Esqr.
Pleasanton

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday requesting the appointment of Secretary of State for the State of Texas, was respectfully received & assuring you of your acceptance or non acceptance of the appointment would be agreeable to you, it is desirable that you notify me of your decision thereon.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. servt.
A. H. Bell

I, Thomas H. Duval, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Secretary of State for the State of Texas, according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and this State:

And I do further solemnly swear, that since the adoption of this constitution by the Congress of the United States, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State, nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thereto, offending — So help me God.

Tho. H. Duval

Sworn to, before
me this October 20th
1841.

Peter Bransford
Chief Justice,
Harrison County

State Department
Austin July 15th 1851.

His Excellency
The Governor.

Sir,

Circumstances, in my judgement, render it proper that I should withdraw from the superintendence and discharge of the duties of this Department, and I therefore have the honor of handing you herewith, my resignation, and of making a report of such matters connected with the Office, as may be necessary to lay before the Honorable Legislature.

Among the numerous and diversified duties which devolve on the Secretary of State, there are none more difficult and embarrassing than the distribution of the laws and public documents. No particular mode having been pointed out by law for making this distribution, the Secretary has to adopt such an one as, in his judgement, is best calculated to attain the end. Previous to the adjournment of the last Regular Session of the Legislature, it was currently reported and understood here, that wagon loads of documents which had been forwarded by the Mails, were left at various points on the different routes; in consequence of the badness of the roads, and in most instances, it was believed, they never would reach their places of destination. Under these circumstances, I did not consider that a proper regard for the public interests, would permit me to attempt the distribution of the laws and journals of that Session by the Mails. I therefore made it publicly known that I would receive propositions from individuals for their distribution in different portions of the State, and in accordance with this notice, bids were sent in by various persons after comparing which, contracts were made with those who offered to do the work at the cheapest rate, and bond with good security was required and given by each, for the faithful performance of his contract.

This could it occurs to me, was the most, if not the only practicable one, for their certain and speedy distribution, and yet, in several Counties, the laws were not received.

until long after the time at which they should have been delivered. The contractor, it is true, gave excuses for in most instances they were fair and reasonable for the delay, but it established the fact, that the best apparent mode which could be devised, is subject to delays and embarrassments. That the laws would not have been received if sent by mail, at the time these contracts were made is rendered very evident by the fact that I forwarded from one to two copies to each County, by mail, in advance of the Carriers, very few of which I have since learned ever reached the persons to whom they were directed.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act of March 2d. 1848 there have been forwarded to the Librarian of Congress to the Secretary of State of the United States to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and to the Executive Departments of all the States, and Territories of the Union, printed copies of the laws passed at the last regular session of the Legislature, and of the two extraordinary sessions, which have convened since that time; and also the requisite number of copies of the second volume of the Reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court. the first volume having been forwarded by my predecessor. There have also been forwarded to the Chief Justice of each County in the State, in accordance with the Act of Feb.y 2.d 1850, two copies of each volume of the Reports to be deposited in the Offices of the Clerks of the District and County Courts of their respective Counties. This distribution, including copies of the first volume delivered by my predecessor to the Judges and District Attorneys of the several judicial districts of the State, and the copies of both volumes which have been furnished to the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Executive officers of the Government, leave on hand twenty nine copies of the first volume, and twenty six copies of the second volume, yet to be disposed of.

The third volume of the Reports, I understand will be ready for delivery in a very short time; this volume however, cannot be distributed until after the

meeting of the next Legislature, as there is no appropriation from which the expenses of the distribution can be drawn.

The fifteen hundred copies of the Digest of the laws by O. C. Hartley Esq.r, which Your Excellency was authorized to subscribe for were delivered at this Department by Mr. Hartley on the 26th of December 1838. The mechanical execution of the work appears to have been done exceedingly well, and the books were delivered in good order. Of these fifteen hundred copies, Eight hundred and Ninety-five copies have been distributed in accordance with the provisions of the fifth section of the Act of February 2.d 1839. The residue are on hand subject to such disposition as the Legislature may think proper to make of them.

In distributing this Digest, the Secretary of State was directed to forward to the Chief Justice of each county, a sufficient number of copies to furnish one, to each Judge of the Supreme Court, to each Judge of the District Courts, and to each Justice of the Peace "that may be a resident in said County." In complying with this direction, I had no data by which to be governed in relation to the number of copies to be forwarded for Justices of the Peace, except that afforded by the Official Register of the Department, and consequently, I forwarded to each county, only the number which, according to the Register, appeared to be necessary to furnish to the Officers entitled to them who were "resident in said County". Since then, communications have been received from several of the Chief Justices, stating that the number forwarded was not sufficient to furnish one to each Justice of the Peace to which the county was entitled, and that the deficiency in the names of the Officers on the Register was occasioned by the fact, that some precincts had not previously elected their Magistrates, and that others had elected only a part of them.

In reply to these Communications, the Chief Justices have been informed, that as far as the Department could have been officially informed, that there were some Justices of the Peace in office in their respective Counties who had been provided for, a sufficient number of copies were to be forwarded to supply the deficiency; but that the rest of them

transportation must be paid by the counties to which they are sent, as the appropriation for their distribution has already been exhausted. Under these instructions, there is no doubt many applications will be made for an additional number of copies.

The Digests being too heavy for distribution by Mail, according to the Regulations of the Post Office Department, Orrs was forced to contract with private individuals for their distribution to the different Counties, and consequently contracted with M. B. Perrin to deliver them in the counties East of the Brazos, and with John J. Powers to deliver them in the Counties West of the Trinity River, except those on the Rio Grande, within certain stipulated periods, taking their bonds with security for the faithful performance of their contracts. The contract made by Mr. Powers was executed with promptitude and fidelity. That made by Mr. Perrin had not yet been completed. He has assigned as a reason for the delay, the extraordinary floods of rain and swollen Condition of the Water Courses in many portions of the East, and which has compelled him to divide the books intended for several Counties, at the nearest points to which he could approach them, to remain until the waters had subsided, and the difficulties were removed.

In making these Contracts, the amount which had been appropriated for the distribution was considered by both Contractors, as wholly inadequate to the services required to be performed. Mr. Orrin's proposition was to deliver the books in the Counties East of the Brazos for the sum of Eighteen dollars per each County, and Mr. Power proposed to deliver them in the Counties West of the Brazos, except those on the Rio Grande, for fourteen dollars a County. Orrs was unwilling to accept either proposition, but finally succeeded in making Contracts with both, by which they were to be paid ten dollars and ninety seven and a half cents for each County, and he recommended in my report an additional appropriation for their benefit. Without this power to recommend an additional

appropriation, I think it probable I could not have made the Contract.

The books for the counties on the lower Rio Grande, were delivered by Mr Power, under instructions from me to the Postmaster at Corpus Christi, and that Officer was requested to employ an individual to take them to the counties to which they respectively belonged. That was the only practicable mode that I could devise for getting them to their places of destination, as no one here would undertake to deliver them for any reasonable compensation; and if it had been found to operate well, as by this mode they have been delivered earlier and at less expense than the State had heretofore paid.

By an Act of September 5th 1850, an appropriation of two thousand dollars was made to pay the expenses of printing certain proclamations of the Governor therein mentioned, &c. This appropriation was found to be insufficient to cover all the accounts presented which were within its provisions, and consequently, the Treasurer was directed to withhold ten per cent of each Account. This course was deemed necessary in order that all persons who held claims against the Government of this character should share equally in the amount appropriated. The ten per cent thus withheld is now a fair charge against the State, and ought to be provided for. Five hundred dollars it is believed will cover the retain of this claim.

The proclamations of your Excellency, containing the proposals contained in what is known as the Boundary or Peace bill to the people, and for convening the second extraordinary session of the Legislature in 1850, was published by your direction in most of the papers printed in the State. By an Act approved December 3d 1850, appropriations were made to pay a part of the Balance of those papers, leaving the others unprovided for. It seems that legal justice to all would require a similar appropriation for this object. There should also be a like appropriation for the publication of the proclamations of the 30th of March

20th 1848, "to provide for the exchange of books, maps, and charts" the Secretary of State is "required to safely keep all books, maps, charts or publications forwarded to or received at his Office. It is scarcely necessary to call the attention of your Excellency to the fact, that the buildings and rooms appropriated to the use of the State Department are wholly inadequate to this end.

The building occupied as an Office by the Secretary, is an old one, incapable of preserving books, or any thing else which may be deposited in it from dust accumulation of dust, and other causes of injury, and it is the only one under his control which can be rendered safe in this way. The Land Office now in progress of erection, will probably be completed in the course of the ensuing winter, and when the Archives of that Department are removed into it, I would recommend that the building at present occupied as a Land Office, be delivered to the Secretary of State. It is an indifficient one for the purposes to which it would be applied, but it is vastly better than the one now occupied as the State Department, and may answer until more permanent arrangements are made.

This subject was brought to the notice of your Excellency's predecessor, by mine, and I now have much pleasure in referring to his views respecting it, as being sound and just.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt Svt
James Webb,

State of Texas

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me, that at the Fall Term A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty one, of the District Court held in and for the County of Wharton in said State J. E. Gold was found guilty of manslaughter, and was by the verdict of the Jury and the judgement of said Court sentenced to imprisonment in the County jail of said County for the term of one year.

And whereas it has also been represented to me by the jurors who sat upon the trial of said Gold, by the District Attorney and divers members of the bar who were then present, as well as by many good and worthy citizens of said County, that the conviction and sentence of said Gold is hard and oppressive under the circumstances of mitigation which attended the commission of the offence, and have united in a petition to the Executive praying that he would exercise the power conferred upon him by the Constitution and laws of said State, in granting a pardon to said Gold:

Now be it known, that I, P. Handbrough Bell, Governor of said State, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws, and in compliance with the aforesaid recommendation and petition, and for divers other good causes to me made known, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said J. E. Gold, and do order and direct that he be discharged from his confinement in the County jail of said County of Wharton, and from all further custody under and by virtue of the judgement and sentence of the said District Court of Wharton County. And the Clerk of the said District Court is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon; and the Sheriff of said County, having the charge and custody of said J. E. Gold under said judgement and sentence, is directed to discharge him from all further custody and confinement in virtue of the same, and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin.

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State of Missouri,

Whereas I had been informed and made known to the State Sheriff, that on the thirteenth & eighth hundred and forty one, of the Circuit Court held on and for the County of Howard in said State, Benjamin Bryan had indicted, tried and found guilty of the offence of an assault with the intent to kill and murder one Stinson Young, and fined by the Verdict of the Jury and the Judgment of the Court, sentenced to imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for the term of one year:

And whereas it has been made to appear to the Governor by the Representations of the Honorable Judge before whom said indictment was tried, and of a large number of good and worthy citizens of said County, including a majority of the Jurors who sat upon the trial of said Bryan, that strong circumstances of mitigation and excuse attended the commission of the offence of which he was convicted, and serious doubts justly exist in the understanding of Executive Clemency in his behalf - and the said Citizens and Jurors having united in a petition to the Executive praying that he would exercise the power conferred upon him by the Constitution and Laws of said State & pardon said Bryan for the offence aforesaid:

Now therefore, I [illegible] Governor of said State, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the

Condition that he will appear and stand in Compliance with the aforesaid Representations and petition, and for other good cause and reasons made known, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Samuel A Ingraham, and do order and direct that he be discharged from the County Jail of said County of Travis, where he is now confined, and from all further custody under and by virtue of the Judgement and Sentence of the said District Court of Travis County, on Condition that said Ingraham first pay all costs which may have accrued and be legally due and owing on the prosecution and conviction aforesaid. And that a true and this Condition be complied with, the Clerk of the District Court of Travis County is hereby directed to make and obtain from the records of said Court a copy hereof and transmit it to carry into effect this pardon; and the Sheriff of said County or any other officer having the charge and custody of said Samuel A Ingraham, under said Judgement and Sentence, is directed to discharge him from all further custody and Confinement. And for so doing this shall be their sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this 3d day of October A.D. 1851, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th

(Seal)

By the Governor

Hu. A. Quitman

Secy of State

P. H. Bell.

State of Texas.

To all and singular the Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil officers of said State:— Greeting—

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me by his Excellency John I. Guion, Governor of the State of Mississippi, that William Tompkins late of the County of Chickasaw in said State of Mississippi, stands charged therein with the crime of murder committed upon the body of one William Harris, and that the said William Tompkins has fled from justice in said State of Mississippi, and is now to be found in the State of Texas where he has taken refuge:

And whereas the said John I. Guion, acting Governor of said State of Mississippi, has, in pursuance of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act respecting fugitives from justice &c" approved 12th Feby 1793, demanded that I cause the said William Tompkins to be arrested, secured and delivered up to Dennis Dellis, the Agent of said State of Mississippi, that he may be taken to said State and there dealt with according to law:—

Now therefore Know ye,

That I. P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas do by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in pursuance of the said Act of Congress, issue this, my Warrant, Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil officers of said State to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting, the said William Tompkins, and to deliver him when arrested to the said Dennis Dellis, Agent of said State of Mississippi, in order that he may be taken back to said State to be dealt with for said crime of murder according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this 30th day of October, A. D. 1851 of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th.

Seal

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State.

P. H. Bell.

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas by the action of the House of Representatives had on this day, a vacancy has been created in the forty third (43rd) Representative District composed of the Counties of Gillespie and Comal, whereby these Counties are now unrepresented in said House:

Therefore, be it known, that I, P Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby order and direct the Chief Justices of the above mentioned Counties (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due and legal notice of not less than five or more than ten days for an election to be holden on Monday the 24th day of November A.D. 1851, at the several precincts in their respective Counties for a representative to supply the vacancy aforesaid, due returns of which shall be made to the Chief Justice of Comal County - And I do further order and direct the Chief Justice of said County of Comal (and in case of vacancy in the office of said Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give to the representative elect of said District the proper certificate of election, and make due returns of such election according to law to the Secretary of State, endorsed "Election returns for Representative of the 43rd representative District".

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 11th day of November A.D. 1851, of the Independence of the United States the 76th, and of Texas the 16th year.

P H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor

Tho. H. Duval

Secy of State

Executive Department
Mexico, December 21st 1850

Whereas it has been represented to me, that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, and the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, an associate Justice thereof [illegible] will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of said Court, at the ensuing December Term thereof, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, another associate Justice of said Court, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of the Supreme Court of the United States, during the ensuing December Term of said Court, and that the Hon. Royall T. Wheeler, Judge of the 14th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 15th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 16th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 17th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 18th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 19th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 20th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 21st Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 22nd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 23rd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 24th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 25th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 26th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 27th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 28th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 29th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 30th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 31st Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 32nd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 33rd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 34th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 35th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 36th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 37th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 38th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 39th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 40th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 41st Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 42nd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 43rd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 44th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 45th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 46th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 47th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 48th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 49th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 50th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 51st Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 52nd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 53rd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 54th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 55th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 56th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 57th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 58th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 59th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 60th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 61st Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 62nd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 63rd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 64th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 65th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 66th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 67th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 68th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 69th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 70th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 71st Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. 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Rusk, Judge of the 224th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 225th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 226th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 227th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 228th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 229th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 230th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 231st Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 232nd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John Hemphill, Judge of the 233rd Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Edward Pendleton Hall, Judge of the 234th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas H. Duval, Judge of the 235th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. John W. Harris, Judge of the 236th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Abner S. Lipscomb, Judge of the 237th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Thomas J. Rusk, Judge of the 238th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District Court for Travis County, and that the Hon. Peter W. Gray, Judge of the 239th Judicial District, will be absent from the City of Austin, on the business of his District, during the ensuing December Term of the District

Executive Department

Whereas it has been certified to me according to law that the Hon: Abner L. Sizemore and the Hon: Bayard H. Wheeler, executors of the last will & testament of Henry Clark, late of said State, are the general devisees & legatees of said Henry Clark in the case stated in 13, styled "The State vs the Executors" now pending in said Court.

Now, therefore, I the said Beriah Magoffin Governor of the State of Kentucky, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby appoint and commission the Hon. H. Sizemore, Bayard, & gentlemen learned in the law, as Special Counsel to prosecute & defend said cause.

Given under my hand & the great seal of the State, at the city of Louisville, this the twenty day of November 1861, and of the Independence of the United States the 86.

(Seal)

By the Governor

Beriah Magoffin

Wm. H. Hays

Sec'y of State

P.S. A commission is also ordered issued to the above named and designated Hon. Bayard, Sizemore & Wheeler as Special Counsel in said cause.

Wm. H. Hays

Proclamation.

Whereas a vacancy has occurred, by the resignation of the Hon: Robert Peebles, in the 30th representative District composed of the Counties of Ellis and Falls, which said Counties are now unrepresented in the present Legislature:

Now Know ye, I, Sam'l P. Lockhart, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby order and direct the Chief Justices of the above mentioned Counties (and in case of vacancy, in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of their officers to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due and legal notice of not less than forty or more than sixty days for an election to be holden on Monday the 22d. day of January A.D. 1855 at the several precincts in their respective Counties, for a representative to supply the vacancy aforesaid, the returns of which shall be made to the Chief Justice of Polk County. And I do further order and direct the Chief Justice aforesaid County of Polk (and in case of vacancy in the office of said Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give to the representative elect aforesaid, the proper certificate of election according to law to the Secretary of State, endorsed "Election returns for Representative of the 30th Representative District."

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 20th day of December A.D. 1854, of the Independence of the United States, the 79th and of Texas, the 18th year.

(Seal)

By the Governor

Hy. H. Vance,
Sec'y of State

(S) A Bell.

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, by the death of the Hon. Edward Burleson, a vacancy has been created in the Twenty first Senatorial District composed of the Counties of Travis, Hays and Gillespie, whereby those Counties are now unrepresented in the Senate:

Therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby order and direct the Chief Justices of the above mentioned Counties (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or in the inability of those officers to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due and legal notice of not less than five or more than twenty days for an election to be holden on Monday the 12th day of January A.D. 1852, at the several precincts in their respective Counties for a Senator to fill said vacancy aforesaid, the returns of which shall be made to the Chief Justice of Travis County:

And I do further order and direct the Chief Justice of said County of Travis, (and in case of vacancy in the office of said Chief Justice, or inability of those officers to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give to the Senator elect of said District the proper certificate of election, and also to open the returns of such election according to law to the Secretary of State, endorsed "Election Returns for Senator of the 21st Senatorial District."

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed — Done at the City of Austin this 29th day of December A.D. 1851, of the Independence of the U. States, the 76th, & of Texas the 16th year.

P. H. Bell

(L. S.)

By the Governor

Ho. Wm. Morris

Secy of State.

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The State of Texas.
Executive Department.

Whereas, it has been certified to me according to law, that the Hon: John Hemphill, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, and the Hon: Abner S. Lipscomb, an Associate Justice thereof, are disqualified from sitting as Judges of said Court in the case No styled "Horton vs Pace and Hamilton", now pending in said Court:

Now, therefore to the end that a trial and determination of said cause may be had, I, P Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby appoint and commission James Willie Esquire, a gentleman learned in the law, as a Special Associate Justice, to sit in the said case, and to try and determine the same.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin this the seventh day of January A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th year.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval
Secy of State

N B. A comonission in all respects similar to the above was made out and delivered to Asa M. Lewis Esq. to sit as a Special associate Justice in the same case.

Thos. H. Duval

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the last Fall term of the District Court of Hopkins County in said State, David Shepherd, a citizen of said County and State, was tried upon an indictment for an assault with intent to kill and murder, and upon the trial thereof was found guilty of a common assault, and fined in the sum of fifty dollars:

Now, Therefore, be it known that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, for satisfactory reasons to me shown, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit the said fine of fifty dollars: And upon the payment of all costs attending said prosecution by the said David Shepherd, do hereby authorize the said Shepherd to be discharged from all further liabilities for and on account of said fine: And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Hopkins, is hereby directed and required to make such entries upon the records of said Court (upon the payment of the costs as aforesaid) as will give full effect to the remission of said fine.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin this the twenty eighth day of January A.D. 1852, of the independence of the United States the seventy sixth and of Texas the sixteenth.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

P. Hansbrough Bell
Governor of the State of Texas.

To all persons whom it may concern ..... Know Ye,

That I have this day, by virtue of authority in me vested under the laws of the United States and of this State, constituted and appointed Joel W. Robison an Agent on the part and in behalf of the State of Texas, and have invested him with full power and authority to receive John Haywood Vaughn from the legally constituted authorities of the State of Arkansas, whither the said John Haywood Vaughn hath fled from justice in this State, and now is; and to convey him, the said fugitive, back to this State, to the end that he may answer to the crime of murder whereof he is charged by affidavit in the County of Fayette in this State as having been committed in the said County on or about the third day of November A.D. 1851.

And I do moreover forbid all persons from rescuing or otherwise setting at liberty the said John Haywood Vaughn, after he is in the custody of the agent aforesaid, under fear of the penalties prescribed by the act of Congress, passed February 12th 1793.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand at the City of Austin this twenty eighth day of January A.D. 1852.

P. H. Bell
Governor of Texas.

P. Hansbrough Bell
Governor of the State of Texas.

To His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Arkansas, ... Greeting:

Whereas by an affidavit made by Joel W. Robison, of the County of Fayette, State of Texas, which is hereunto annexed and duly certified to be authentic, John Haywood Vaughn is charged with having committed the crime of murder in the said County of Fayette on or about the third day of November A.D. 1851; and whereas it appears that said Vaughn has fled from justice and is to be found in the State of Arkansas where he has taken refuge:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the

United States of the 12th of February 1793, I have to demand that your Excellency will cause the said John Haywood Vaughn to be arrested, secured, and delivered up to Joel W. Robison, the bearer of these presents, who is authorized to receive said fugitive, and convey him to the State of Texas, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the twenty eighth day of January A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th year.

P. H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

State of Texas, County of Fayette.

To His Excellency, P. H. Bell, Governor of the State aforesaid.

Your petitioners Joel W. Robison and Thomas Townsend Citizens of the County and State aforesaid, would respectfully represent to your Excellency that on or about the 3d day of November A.D. 1851, John Haywood Vaughn, then resident of the State and County aforesaid, committed murder upon the body of one of our Citizens, Capt Stephen Townsend — that a warrant for the arrest of the s.d Vaughn issued from the hand of Joseph R. Robison, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesd, but that said Vaughn was not arrested under s.d warrant, he, said Vaughn having fled and concealed himself from the Officer having s.d warrant, and yet continues so to conceal himself. Your petitioners further state that they have been informed and do verily believe that the s.d Vaughn is now in the State of Arkansas and County of

Wherefore your petitioners pray that in order that s.d Vaughn may be brought to justice, undergo a legal trial, and, if found guilty, suffer the penalty of the law, the proper and legal requisition be made of the Governor of Arkansas for the arrest and delivery of s.d Vaughn, fugitive from justice.

State of Texas
County of Fayette } ss

The undersigned, Joel W. Robison says that the facts set forth in the foregoing instrument are true

so far as stated from his own knowledge, and that he believes them to be true so far as stated from the information of others.

Abel M. Robeson.

Sworn to before me, Neill Robeson, Chief Justice Fayette County this 28 day of January A.D. 1852.

Neill Robeson.
Chief Justice F.C.

The State of Texas
Executive Department

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that Neill Robeson, whose name is subscribed to the instrument of writing hereto annexed, was, at the time of signing the same Chief Justice of the County of Fayette, in said State, duly elected, commissioned and qualified, according to law, and that his official signature is entitled to full faith and credit when to his official acts as such.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of State to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Austin this twenty eighth day of January, 1852, and of the Independence of the United States the seventy sixth and of Texas the sixteenth.

L.S.

A. M. Wells

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval
Secty of State.

The State of Texas
A State of the United States of America.

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws, hereby certify, make known and declare to all whom it may concern, that Alexander Miller, a natural born subject of the King of Prussia, has duly declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States of America, and has sworn to bear true allegiance to the same, and support the Constitution thereof, and that he is therefore entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities which such declaration and oath carry with them, and confer upon him.

And I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States to permit the said Alexander Miller, fully and peaceably, to enjoy within their respective jurisdictions, the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid.

And I do further certify, that the official act of Louis Martin, hereto annexed, is entitled to full faith and credit.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 8th day of February A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the seventy sixth, and of Texas the Fifteenth.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that William Mc Donald and Calvin Anderson, late of the County of Grimes in the State aforesaid, did, on the 24th day of December 1851, with force of arms kill one John Arriola, and are now fugitives from justice:

Therefore, be it known that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of Three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said William Mc Donald and Calvin Anderson (or one hundred and fifty dollars for either of them) into the custody of the Sheriff of Grimes County that they may be dealt with according to law for said offence.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this 10th day of February, 1852, and of the Independence of Texas the thirteenth year.

P. H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

The said Mc Donald is about 5 feet, 8 or 10 inches high; has dark hair, blue eyes, a full round face, fair complection, and is about 32 or 33 years of age.

The said Calvin is about 5 feet 10 inches high; has light hair, blue eyes, a Roman nose, thin visage.

The State of Texas.
A State of the United States of America

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws, do hereby certify that Alexander Dietz, a natural born subject of the Duchy of Nassau, has duly declared upon oath his intention to become a citizen of the United States of America, and that he is therefore entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities which such declaration carries with it, and possess within.

And I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States and Countries to permit the said Alexander Dietz, freely and peaceably, to enjoy within their respective jurisdictions the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this eleventh day of February A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the thirty sixth, and of Texas the sixteenth.

P. H. Bell

(L. S.)

By the Governor.

Thos. H. Duncan
Secy. of State

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State of Texas.

Whereas, at the Fall term 1848, of the District Court holden in and for the County of Red River, in said State, a judgment was rendered for Six hundred dollars, besides cost of suit, against Isaac Merrick, as principal, and Hugh F. Young, George F. Lawton, and John Monkhouse, his securities, on a bond given by said Merrick conditioned for his appearance at said Court to answer a charge for an assault and battery, and which bond was forfeited;

And Whereas satisfactory evidence has been furnished to me, by the statements of the Hon: John T. Mills, who rendered said judgment, of the District Attorney, and of divers good and worthy citizens, that the judgment rendered on said forfeiture is excessive, and should be remitted:

Now, Therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit the said forfeiture of six hundred dollars imposed by the judgment of the Court on the said Merrick, and his securities Young, Lawton and Monkhouse; and upon the payment of all costs attending said judgment, including the legal fee due to the District Attorney who then represented the State, I do hereby authorize the said Merrick, and his securities aforesaid, to be discharged from all further liability for and on account of said judgment.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Red River, is hereby directed and required to make such entries upon the records of said Court (upon the payment of the costs and attorney's fee as aforesaid) as will give full effect to this remission of said judgment.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the twelfth day of February A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the Seventy Eight and of Texas the thirteenth Year.

L.S.

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval
Secty of State

P. H. Bell

State of Texas

Whereas, at the last Fall term of the District Court holden in and for the County of Grimes, in said State, one Jesse Kirby was tried and convicted upon the charge of an assault with intent to kill, and sentenced to three years imprisonment in the State Penetentiary, where he now is:— And whereas it has been made to appear satisfactorily to me that the said Jesse Kirby is insane, and that letters of guardianship upon his person and estate have been granted by the Chief Justice of Walker County, in said State, to Drury L. Harris and his wife Sarah A. L. Harris:

Now, Therefore, be it Known that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, for good reasons to me shown, do, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby pardon the said Kirby for the crime aforesaid, and order the Keeper of the State Penetentiary and all other officers having in charge and custody the said Jesse Kirby under said sentence, to release him from all further confinement in said Penetentiary; provided, that the guardians of said Jesse Kirby will forthwith remove, or cause him to be removed, beyond the limits of the State of Texas, and placed in some lunatic or insane Hospital, to the end that he may be properly cared for and treated.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Grimes, after he shall have been informed by the Superintendant of said Penetentiary of the removal of said Kirby therefrom, as herein provided for, is directed and required to make such entries upon the Records of said Court, as will give full and proper effect to this mandate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this 26th day of February A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the U. States the 76th and of Texas the 66th year.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Wm. A. Duval

Secy of State

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The State of Texas

Whereas, a vacancy has occurred in the Office of Judge of the Second Judicial District of the State of Texas, by the resignation of William E Jones, the late incumbent of said Office:

Now, therefore, be it known that I P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State aforesaid, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby appoint John Hancock Esq, Judge pro tem of said Judicial District, in the place of said William E Jones, and do authorize him to discharge the duties of the same, for and during the unexpired term of office of said William E Jones.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this first day of March A.D 1852, of the independence of the U. States the 76th and of Texas the 16th years.

L. S.

By the Governor

Tho. H. Duval
Secy of State

P. H. Bell

The State of Texas.
A State of the United States of America.

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of the same, do hereby certify, make known and declare to all whom it may concern, that Henry Blessing is a resident citizen of this State, and of the said United States of America, and that he is entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities to such citizenship belonging, or in any wise appertaining.

And I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States and Countries, to permit the said Blessing, fully and peaceably, to enjoy within their respective jurisdictions, the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin the 26th day of March A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th year, and of Texas the seventeenth.

L.S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Sec'y of State

State of Texas.

To all and singular the Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil officers of said State Greeting:

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me by His Excellency, Henry S. Foote, Governor of the State of Mississippi, that one William Finch, late of the County of Lowndes in said State of Mississippi, stands charged with having committed the crime of negro stealing, and that the said William Finch has fled from justice in said State of Mississippi, and is now to be found in the State of Texas where he has taken refuge:

And Whereas the said Henry S. Foote, Governor of said State of Mississippi, has, in pursuance of the Act of Congress, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice &c", approved 12th February 1793, demanded that I cause the said William Finch to be arrested, secured and delivered up to James R. Hilliard, the agent of said State of Mississippi, that he may be taken to said State, and there dealt with according to law:

Now, therefore, Know Ye!

That I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in pursuance of the said Act of Congress, issue this, my warrant, commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil officers of said State to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting the said William Finch, and to deliver him when arrested to the said James R. Hilliard, agent of said State of Mississippi, in order that he may be taken back to said State to be dealt with for said crimes of negro stealing according to law.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this the 29th day of March A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 17th year.

L.S.

By the Governor

P. H. Bell.

Thos. H. Duval
Sec'y of State.

State of Texas.

To all and singular the Sheriffs, Constables and other civil officers of said State ... Greeting:

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me by His Excellency Henry W. Collier, Governor of the State of Alabama, that one William W. Dabney, late of the County of Monroe in said State of Alabama, stands charged with the crime of murder committed upon the body of one Israel Jacobson, and that the said William W. Dabney has fled from justice in said State of Alabama, and taken refuge in the State of Texas:

And Whereas, the said Henry W. Collier, Governor of said State of Alabama has, in pursuance of the act of Congress entitled, "An act respecting fugitives from justice" &c, approved 12th February 1793, demanded that I cause the said William W. Dabney, to be arrested and delivered up to Morris Jacobson, Agent of said State of Alabama, that he may be taken to said State, and there dealt with according to law:

Now, Therefore, Know Ye!

That I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in pursuance of the said act of Congress, issue this, my warrant, commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil officers of said State to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting, the said William W. Dabney, and to deliver him, when arrested, to the said Morris Jacobson, Agent of said State of Alabama, in order that he may be taken back to said State to be dealt with for said crime of murder according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this the 21st day of April A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th, and of Texas the 17th year.

L. S.

P. H. Bell.

By the Governor

Wm. H. Duval

Secy of State

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The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me that John Counts, who was sentenced to hard labor for the term of one year in the Penitentiary of said State, has already served out nearly the whole of said term, and has lately received a wound whereby he is incapaci=tated from labor, and his longer confinement rendered unnecessary:

Now, therefore, for the reasons above stated, and at the recommen=dation of the Superintendant of said Penitentiary, I, P Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby pardon the said John Counts of the crime of which he has been convicted, and for which he is now imprisoned, and order the Keeper of the State Penitentiary and all other officers having in charge and custody the said John Counts, to release him from all further confinement in said Penitentiary.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this 3rd day of May A D 1852, of the Independence of the United States, the 76th and of Texas the 17th year.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos H. Duval

Secy of State

The State of Texas.

Whereas it has been certified to me according to law, that there is no competent Court for the trial and adjudication of the case No 26, Styled "Horton vs Ennis & Reynolds," now pending before the Supreme Court of this State at Tyler, in consequence of the Hon: Abner S. Lipscomb and R. T. Wheler, Associate Justices, being disqualified from sitting therein:

Now, therefore, to the end that a trial and determination of said cause may be had, I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby appoint and commission William M. Parsons Esquire, a gentleman learned in the law, as a special Associate Justice, to sit in the said case, and to try and determine the same.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 7th day of April A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 17th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Tho. H. Duval

Secy of State.

N. B. A commission in the same case, similar to the above, was issued to James H. Rogers Esquire, as the other special associate Justice therein.

Tho. H. Duval

Secy of State

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, by an act of the Legislature, approved February 16th 1850, it is provided that an election shall be held on the first monday in August next, for an Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer: Now, therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby, order and direct that polls be opened at the several precincts of the respective Counties in this State, on the first Monday (the second day) of August next, for the election of Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer. The Chief Justices of the several Counties (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) will accordingly give due notice, and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties, on the second day of August next, for the election as aforesaid, of Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer of this State. The Chief Justices aforesaid or the County Commissioners, in cases wherein they are authorized by law to discharge the duties of Chief Justices of the several Counties of this State, will promptly make duplicate returns of the election, for the above named Officers, carefully sealed up, one of which will be transmitted by them, to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election returns of County, for ," and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.

And Whereas, the terms of office of the Judge of the Seventh Judicial District will expire in the Month of February, 1853; I do, therefore, by virtue of the aforesaid act of the Legislature, further order and direct that the Chief Justices (and in case of vacancy, in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners

of the respective Counties composing the Seventh Judicial District, give due notice and, cause polls to be opened as aforesaid on the first monday (the second day) of August next, at the several precincts of their respective Counties for the election of a District Judge, and make duplicate returns thereof as aforesaid, according to law.

And Whereas, under the provisions of the Act aforesaid, District Attorneys are required to be elected in the first second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and twelfth Judicial Districts, I do hereby further order and direct that the Chief Justices (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the respective Counties composing the said Judicial Districts, give due notice, and cause polls to be opened as aforesaid on the first monday (the second day) of August next, at the several precincts of their respective Counties for the election of a District Attorney for the Judicial District to which the said Counties may respectively belong, and returns promptly made, in duplicate, as aforesaid, according to law.

And Whereas, by an Act of the Legislature, approved March 20. 1848, it is required that an election be holden on the first Monday (the second day) of August next, in the several Counties of this State for one Chief Justice, four County Commissioners, one Sheriff, one Coroner, one County Clerk, two Justices of the Peace, and one Constable for each Justices Precinct, and such other County offices as are or may be required by law to be elected by the people. And Whereas, it is further provided by an Act of the Legislature, approved January 26. 1850, that an election shall be held, at the same time, in each County in this State for a County Treasurer:

Therefore; I do hereby further order and direct that an election be held in each and every County of this State (except in such of the new Counties created by act of the last Legislature as may have previously elected County Officers (on the first Monday (the second day) of August next, for one Chief Justice, four County Commissioners, one Sheriff, one Coroner,

one County Clerk, two Justices of the Peace, and one Constable for each Justices precinct, one County Treasurer and also a District Surveyor, in each of the land districts of this State as many there, under the law, be required to be elected, together with such other County officers, if any, as are required to be elected by the people. And I do hereby order and direct the Chief Justices of the several Counties of the State (and in case of vacancy, in their office or inability of the Chief Justice to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due notice of said elections, and provide for proper returns thereof to the State Department.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this eighth day of June, A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 17th year

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Secretary of State

The following papers were requested to give the foregoing Proclamation, each, four insertions viz: Rio Grande Texas Republican - Texas Democrat Corpus Christi Gazette - Galveston News - Texas Democrat Clarksville - State Gazette and Daily Herald Austin American -

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and appears known to me that at the May term, 1852, of the District Court held in and for the County of Bexar, in said State, a Negro boy slave named Sim, about eighteen years of age, the property of James Weir, a citizen of said County, was convicted, third and fourth grades of the crime of Manslaughter, and was by the verdict of the jury and the judgment of the Court sentenced to three years imprisonment in and hard labor in the Penitentiary.

Now, therefore, I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in Compliance with the petition of a number of respectable citizens of said County, and for other satisfactory reasons to me shown, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Negro Slave Sim, and do order and direct that he be discharged from all further Custody or Confinement under and by virtue of the sentence and Sentence of the said District Court of Bexar County, on condition that the owner of said Slave do first pay all costs which have been taxed, and which are legally due and owing on said prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, and so soon as this condition is complied with the Clerk of the District Court of Bexar County is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon; and the Sheriff of said County, or any other officer having the charge and Custody of said Slave Sim, is thereupon required and directed to discharge him from all further Custody and Confinement. And for so doing this shall be their sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this 18th day of March A.D. 1853, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 17th year.

P. H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor

Thos. H. Ward

Secty of State

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State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented unto me, that on the 4th day of March 1852 a district Court was held for the County of Travis, in the 3rd Judicial District, by Hon. Edward O'Rourke, Judge thereof, at which time, a Grand Jury was empannelled and charged, and before the said Court, and Grand Jury, a Bill of Indictment was found against Samuel C. Whitaker, for the murder of Jacob Harris, on the 2nd day of March A.D. 1852, by the Grand Jurors of the County of Travis, in the manner and form as set forth in said Bill of Indictment, and whereas, the said Samuel C. Whitaker, has fled from justice, and cannot be arrested, and brought to trial, unless by the Executive authority of the State of Texas.

Now therefore, I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me appearing, hereby demand the said Samuel C. Whitaker, to be apprehended, and delivered to the Sheriff of Travis County, to be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 2nd day of March A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor.

Thos. H. Duval

Sec. of State

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that John Hayward Vaughan, late of the County of Fayette, in this State aforesaid, on or about the 26th day of October A.D. 1857, committed a murder upon the body of Stephen Townsend of said County, and that the said John Hayward Vaughan is now a fugitive from justice:

Therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of Three Hundred Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said John Hayward Vaughan into the custody of the Sheriff of Fayette County, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the city of Austin this 22nd day of June A.D. 1858, and of the Independence of Texas the fifteenth.

L.S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Geo. W. Bonner

Sec'y of State

N.B. The above proclamation was sent to the San Antonio Ledger, the Rio Bravo, and the Texas Republican, each of which was requested to give the same six insertions.

Geo. W. Bonner

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, it has been made known to me that George P. Lynch, late of the County of Washington, in the State aforesaid, on the 26th day of June 1852 committed a murder upon the body of Thomas B. Farrell, of said County, and that the said George P. Lynch is now a fugitive from justice:

Therefor, be it known that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said George P. Lynch into the custody of the Sheriff of Washington County aforesaid, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin this 8th day of July A.D. 1852, and of the Independence of Texas the Seventeenth.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

The said George P. Lynch is about six feet high, and 28 or 30 years of age – weighs about 180 pounds – has dark hair and eyes – Fair or ruddy complexion – Round face – Walks erect, and throws his head back when talking – Very communicative, and boasts much, when in conversation with Strangers, of his achievements in the late Mexican War, his extensive business operations, his wealth, talents &c.

N. B. The above proclamation was ordered to be inserted four times in each of the following – "Rio Bravo", Brownsville – "Western Texan", San Antonio, & "South Western American," Austin.

Thos. H. Duval

P. Hansborough Bell
Governor of the State of Texas.

To His Excellency
The Governor of the State of Alabama ——— Greeting:

Whereas, by an indictment found by the Grand Jury of Cass County, in this State, at the fall term of the District Court holden in and for said County in the year 1851, a copy of which is hereunto annexed and duly certified to be authentic, one Rheuben R. Shell is charged with having committed the crime of murder in the said County of Cass, on the 15th day of June A.D. 1850, upon the body of one William Sprott: And whereas it appears that said Rheuben R. Shell has fled from justice, and is to be found in the State of Alabama where he has taken refuge:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the United States of the 12th of February 1793, I have to demand that your Excellency will cause the said Rheuben R. Shell to be arrested, secured and delivered up to Andrew J. Hitchcock, the bearer of these presents, who is hereby authorized to receive said fugitive and conduct him to the State of Texas, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State at the City of Austin, this the ninth day of July A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Secy of State.

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, by the resignation of James C. Sheldon, Esqr. a Vacancy has occurred in the office of District Attorney in and for the eleventh Judicial District of the State of Texas, composed of the Counties of El Paso and Presidio.

Therefore, be it Known that I. P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, &c. by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby order and direct the Chief Justices of the above mentioned Counties (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due and legal notice of not less than thirty days for an election to be holden on the day of 1852, at the several precincts in their respective Counties for a district Attorney to supply the vacancy aforesaid.-

And the Chief Justices aforesaid, or the County Commissioners, in cases wherein they are authorized by law to discharge the duties of Chief Justice, will promptly, make duplicate returns of the said election, carefully sealed up, one of which will be transmitted by them to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election Returns of County for District Attorney," and the others deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this 9th day of July A. D. 1852 and of the Independence of Texas the 17th year.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duval
Secty of State

State of Texas

Whereas, at the Spring term A.D. 1847 of the District Court holden in and for the County of Nacogdoches, in said State, William M. Spencer was tried and found guilty upon four several indictments for assault and battery (the cases being numbered upon the Docket of said Court as 109, 144, 300 and 301; and fines were imposed, by the judgment of the Court, upon the said Spencer;

Now therefore, be it known that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, for satisfactory reasons to me made known, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitutions and laws of said State, hereby remit the several fines imposed in the cases aforesaid upon the said William M. Spencer, provided, the said Spencer do first pay all costs (including the fees of the District Attorney) which have been taxed and are legally due and owing therein, and so soon as this Condition is complied with, the Clerk of the District Court of Nacogdoches County is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as will give due effect to the remission of said fines;

L.S.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this 9th day of August A.D. 1852, and the 77th year of the Independence of the United States, and of Texas the 17th.

P. H. Bell.

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duval
Secty of State

The State of Texas
A State of the United States of America

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of the same, do hereby certify, make known and declare to all whom it may concern that John Holzapfel is a resident citizen of this State, and of the said United States of America, and that he is entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities to such citizenship belonging, or in any wise appertaining.

And I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States and Countries, to permit the said John Holzapfel, fully and peaceably to enjoy within their respective jurisdictions, the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed at the city of Austin this ninth day of August A.D. 1852, of the independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th year.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, the Honorable Joseph C. Muggerson has resigned the Office of District Judge in and for the First Judicial District of this State, composed of the Counties of Matagorda, Wharton, Colorado, Austin, Brazoria, Fort Bend and Galveston, which resignation will take effect from and after the qualification of his successor:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that the Chief Justices (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the several Counties comprising the said First Judicial District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties, on the first Monday (the fourth day) of October next, for the election of a Judge to fill the vacancy which will have been occasioned by said resignation.

And the Chief Justices (or in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the several Counties aforesaid will promptly make duplicate returns of the election held in their respective Counties for the election of a District Judge, as aforesaid, carefully sealed up, one of which returns will be transmitted by them to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election Returns of _____ County, for District Judge of the First Judicial District," and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed — Done at the City of Austin this the twenty eighth day of August A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th year.

P. H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval
Secty of State.

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Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas it has been made known to me that Blake A. Thompson, late of the County of Travis, in this State, on Thursday, the 26th inst. committed a murder upon the body of William Fennacie, of said County, and that the said Blake A. Thompson is now a fugitive from justice:

Therefore, be it known that I, P. H. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of five hundred Dollars for the apprehension and detention of the said Blake A. Thompson into the custody of the Sheriff of Travis County aforesaid, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 28th day of August A.D. 1852, and of the Independence of Texas the 17th year.

P. H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Secy of State

A. B. Blake A Thompson is about forty years of age; about five feet eight inches high, and perhaps weighs 175 pounds; has dark eyes and hair; has a very muscular frame, and is very strong; is very fond of smoking a pipe, and has been and is now a hard drinker; talks a great deal about horse racing, and is not unpleasant in conversation when sober; when drinking, the reverse, and is always armed with a pistol or knife, and perhaps both; he has a dark heavy beard, and dark complexion.

P. Hansbrough Bell
Governor of the State of Texas

To His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Arkansas ... Greeting:

Whereas, by an affidavit made by Edward Henkel, William H. Richmond and Cyrus Jones of the County of Fayette, State of Texas, which is hereunto annexed and duly certified to be authentic, John H. Vaughn is charged with having committed the crime of murder on the body of Stephen Townsend, of said County and State, on or about the 30th day of October A.D. 1851; And whereas it appears that said Vaughn has fled from justice, and is to be found in the State of Arkansas where he has taken refuge:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the United States of the 12th of February 1793, I have to demand that your Excellency cause the said John H. Vaughn to be arrested, secured and delivered up to John Thomas Townsend, the bearer of these presents, who is authorized to receive said fugitive and convey him to the State of Texas, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed at the City of Austin this 30th day of August A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States, the 77th and of Texas the 17th year.

P. H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duval
Sec'y of State

State of Texas
County of Fayette } Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said State and County, Edward Henkel, William Richmond and Cyrus Jones, who swore on the 30th or about the 30th day of October A.D. 1851 they saw one John H. Vaughn, without provocation, cut and stab Stephen Townsend of the County and State aforesaid, with intent to kill, and they further state that the said Stephen Townsend did die of the wound inflicted by the said John H.

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Vaughn.

(Signed) E Kenkel
W H. Richmond
Cyrus Jones

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 19th July 1852
J R Robison
J. P. F. C.

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, the Office of Judge in and for the Ninth Judicial District of said State, has become Vacant in consequence of the death of the Hon: Bennett H. Martin:

Now, therefore, be it Known that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that the Chief Justices (and in case of Vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the Counties of Houston, Anderson, Henderson, Van Zandt, Kaufman, Navarro, Ellis, Tarrant and Dallas, comprising the said District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties, on the first Tuesday (the second day) of November next, for the election of a Judge to fill the vacancy aforesaid. And the Chief Justices (or in case of vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the several Counties aforesaid will promptly make duplicate returns of the election held in their respective Counties for the election of a District Judge as aforesaid, carefully sealed up, one of which returns will be transmitted by them to the seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State and endorsed "Election returns of County for Judge of the Ninth Judicial District," and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.

L. S.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 14th day of September A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the U. States the 77th & of Texas the 17th years.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Wm. H. Secretary
Secty of State

By the Governor of the State of Texas.
A Proclamation.

Whereas, by the laws of this State and of the United States an election for electors of President and Vice President is to be holden throughout this State on the Tuesday next after the first monday in November of the present year;

Therefore, be it Known that I. P. Hamborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by law, do hereby order and direct that an election be holden in the several pre=cincts of the several Counties in this State, on the Tuesday next after the first monday (the second day) of November next, for the choice of four electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

The said elections shall be holden in the same manner, in the same places, under the same regulations and by offices or managers appointed in the same way as in elections for members of the House of Representatives of the State Legislature: And each qualified voter shall be authorized to vote for the four electors of President and Vice President to which this State is entitled.

The Chief Justices of the several Counties (and in case of vacancy in that office or any inability of the Chief Justice to act then any two of the County Commissioners) shall give due notice of the said elec=tions, and appoint the precinct presiding officers, where the same shall not been already appointed by the County Court. The precinct presiding officers shall appoint the Judges and Clerks of the elections, and make immediate returns of the votes polled at their respective precincts to the Chief Justice (and in case of vacancy in that office, or ~~xxx~~ inability of the Chief Justice to act, then to the County Commissioners) of their respective Counties.

And the Chief Justices (and in case of vacancy in that office, or any inability of the Chief Justice to act then any two of the County, County Commissioners) shall within four days after the elections are made out in writing, certify, seal up and transmit by mail, or other

Sheriff and expeditious conveyance, a correct statement of the election, held at all the precincts in their respective counties, directed to the Secretary of State, at the City of Austin, and endorsed "Election Returns for County; and in all things have the said election conducted according to law, and make returns thereof made as aforesaid.

L.S.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin the thirteenth day of September 1852, and of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th years.

By the Governor.
Tho. H. Duval
Secretary of State

P. H. Bell

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, by the resignation of the Hon: F. M. Henderson a vacancy has occurred in the 18th Senatorial District composed of the Counties of Galveston and Brazoria.

Therefore it is ordered and directed that the Sheriffs of the above mentioned Counties give due and legal notice for an election to be held on Tuesday the second day of November next at the several precincts in their respective Counties for a Senator to represent the aforesaid, due returns of which shall be made to the Clerks District of Galveston County.

And I do hereby order and direct that the Chief Justice of Galveston County give to the Senator elect of said District, the proper Certificate of election and cause the returns of said election according to law, to the Secretary of State.

L.S.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 28th day of September 1852

By the Governor.
Tho. H. Duval
Secretary of State

P. H. Bell

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, by the death of the Hon: Josephus Stevens, a vacancy has occurred in the 11th Senatorial District, composed of the Counties of Houston, Anderson, Cherokee and Angelina.

Therefore, it is ordered and directed that the Chief Justices of the above mentioned Counties give due and legal notice for an election to be held on Tuesday the second day of November next at the several precincts of their respective Counties for a Senator to supply the vacancy aforesaid, due returns of which will be made to the Chief Justice of Angelina County.

And I do further order and direct that the Chief Justice of Angelina County give to the Senator elect of said District, the proper Certificate of election, and transmit returns of said election according to law, to the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin this 28th day of September 1852

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duval
Asst Sec of State

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Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, the Hon: H. L. Grinstead has resigned his seat in the State Legislature as a Representative from the County of Cameron.

Therefore it is ordered and directed that the Chief Justice of said County of Cameron give due and legal notice of not less than five days for an election to be held at the several precincts in said County for the election of a Representative in the Legislature to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of H. L. Grinstead, and actions thereof, made according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 28th day of September 1852.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor.
Thos. H. Duval
Sec'y of State

Proclamations of the same tenor and date as the above were issued ordering an election in the County of Harris to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon: Thomas Harrison – in the County of Dallas to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon: John H. Crockett, and in the County of Cass to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon: N. P. Conner. –

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, the Hon: James H. Shackelford has resigned his seat in the State Legislature as a Representative from the 25th Representative District composed of the Counties of Collin and Denton.

Therefore, it is ordered and directed that the Chief Justices of the above named Counties give due and legal notice of not less than five days for an election to be held at the several precincts of their respective Counties for a Representative to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jas. H. Shackelford, due returns of which will be made to the Chief Justice of Collin County.

And I do further order and direct that the Chief Justice of Collin County give to the Representative elect of said district, the proper certificate of election, and make returns of said election according to law, to the Secretary of State.

L. S.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.
Done at the City of Austin, this 6th day of October 1852

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Secty of State

P. H. Bell.

Election Returns

Official

Be it Remembered, that on this the 2nd day of October 1852, the returns so far as received, of the Election in this State, on the 2nd day of August last, for Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Treasurer, District Attorneys for the several Judicial Districts and Judges of the 7th Judicial District, were opened according to law, and the following is the result thereof.

Counties	Attorney General				Comptroller		Treasurer	
	Jennings	Ingles	Hamilton	Scattering	Miller	Scattering	Mayfield	Scattering
Anderson	604	5	18	"	620	"	620	"
Angelina	125	"	6	"	110	"	87	"
Austin	16	213	85	"	305	"	282	"
Bastrop	30	153	274	"	468	"	464	"
Bell	16	87	109	"	208	"	207	"
Bexar	13	1163	25	"	1502	"	1491	"
Bowie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazoria	24	220	67	"	310	"	308	"
Brazos	2	52	7	"	61	"	62	"
Burleson	104	63	74	"	244	"	225	"
Bunnel	2	"	29	"	30	"	29	"
Caldwell	30	96	181	"	338	"	340	"
Calhoun	63	139	13	"	212	"	210	"
Cameron	552	90	265	"	907	"	901	"
Cass	176	4	273	"	376	"	376	"
Chambers	981	30	129	"	1202	"	1202	"
Collin	238	6	58	"	235	"	202	"
Colorado	6	192	12	"	207	"	202	"
Comal	8	145	9	"	176	"	176	"
Cooke	44	"	-	"	43	"	43	"
Dallas	456	-	31	1	476	"	485	"
Denton	78	1	13	"	71	"	60	"
De Witt	4	159	51	"	217	"	210	"
Ellis	74	34	9	"	100	"	110	"

Counties	Attorney General				Comptroller		Treasurer	
	Appointed	Legal	Manifold	Letters	Votes	Letters	Payment	Letters
El Paso	"	19	431	"	456	"	435	"
Falls	39	41	3	"	38	"	40	"
Fannin	2	"	288	"	313	"	294	"
Fayette	18	422	92	"	523	18	511	14
Fort Bend	25	205	28	"	267	"	265	"
Freestone	148	27	23	"	210	"	208	"
Galveston	132	155	123	"	433	"	428	"
Gillespie	3	42	"	"	44	"	44	"
Goliad	1	86	4	"	76	"	75	"
Gonzales	40	127	100	"	261	"	262	"
Grayson	311	28	17	"	322	"	302	"
Grimes	194	62	55	14	355	"	341	"
Guadalupe	12	180	47	"	267	"	264	"
Harris	—	—	—	"	—	"	—	"
Harrison	821	93	24	"	936	"	936	"
Hays	5	34	17	"	79	"	79	"
Henderson	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hidalgo	15	"	83	"	99	"	99	"
Hopkins	21	30	42	"	48	"	36	"
Houston	267	2	66	"	298	"	301	"
Hunt	38	"	38	"	31	"	20	"
Jackson	2	31	27	"	63	"	63	"
Jasper	16	117	48	"	173	"	165	"
Jefferson	40	12	20	"	69	"	63	"
Kaufman	142	"	18	"	187	"	181	"
Lamar	"	72	180	"	507	"	507	"
Lavaca	23	195	59	"	301	"	302	"
Leon	144	126	72	"	364	2	287	"
Liberty	49	120	20	"	145	1	130	"
Limestone	16	159	6	"	189	"	187	"
Matagorda	5	56	2	49	113	"	102	"
McLennan	64	45	57	"	168	"	167	"
Medina	"	47	"	12	105	"	105	"
Milam								

Counties	Attorney General				Comptroller		Treasurer	
	Jones in Pa	Sayles	Blanchard	Scattering	Majority	Scattering	Majority	Scattering
Montgomery	106	124	17	"	238	"	220	"
Nacogdoches	578	35	28	"	657	"	657	"
Navarro	201	139	33	"	358	"	355	"
Newton	73	17	8	"	104	"	90	"
Nueces	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Orange	4	3	34	"	32	"	42	"
Panola	201	65	114	3	157	1	74	"
Polk	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red River	201	20	141	"	420	"	417	"
Refugio	1	97	5	"	99	"	98	"
Robertson	14	95	31	"	150	"	146	"
Rusk	1020	224	33	"	838	22	739	35
Sabine	95	62	56	"	152	"	150	"
San Augustine	150	81	55	"	282	"	263	"
San Patricio	26	2	10	"	37	1	38	"
Shelby	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smith	350	176	164	"	30	"	33	"
Starr	2	1	309	"	3	"	2	"
Tarrant	107	— "	2	"	109	"	106	"
Titus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travis	73	181	367	"	627	"	624	"
Trinity	30	1	4	"	44	"	19	"
Tyler	12	7	125	2	198	"	192	"
Upshur	131	22	299	"	86	"	26	"
Van Zandt	84	"	3	3	111	"	106	"
Victoria	12	148	48	"	322	"	324	"
Walker	246	111	19	"	419	"	415	"
Washington	22	488	184	"	648	"	635	"
Webb	"	"	229	"	113	"	114	"
Wharton	1	82	11	"	106	"	102	"
Williamson	28	136	102	"	274	"	172	"
Wood	72	"	31	"	88	"	81	"

Counties	Judge 9th Dist. Burnett	Judge 9th Dist. Hutchings	Dist. Atty. 9th Dist. Branch	Dist. Atty. 9th Dist. Ogden
Montgomery	214	"	176	115
Gaines	421	"	235	218
Walker	415	"	227	202
Trinity	55	"	18	34
Polk	"	"	"	"
Tyler	225	"	125	132
Jefferson	82	"	31	57
Orange	65	"	36	28
Liberty	189	2	119	116
Harris	"	"	"	"
	1718	2	965	902

First Judicial District.

Second Judicial District

Counties	Dist Attorney McGowan	Dist Attorney Hutchings	Counties	District Attorney Chadwick	District Attorney Chandler	District Attorney Cauthorn
Matagorda	125	"	Travis	463	76	71
Brazoria	105	"	Caldwell	140	78	120
Colorado	174	9	Comal	120	37	12
Austin	294	"	Hays	56	6	16
Fort Bend	241	10	Guadalupe	151	99	9
Brazoria	309	"	Fayette	264	268	21
Galveston	397	2	Bastrop	124	144	192
			Williamson	141	95	33
			Bastrop	4	23	2

Third Judicial District

Counties	District Attorney				
	Willis	Hancock	Battle	Wyatt	Montague
Washington	497	57	42	133	1
Burleson	65	133	37	7	4
Milam	11	141	52	19	5
Bell	26	109	64	30	"
McLennan	23	21	97	31	"
Falls	"	53	65	5	"
Limestone	45	45	91	10	"
Freestone	58	32	113	5	8
Leon	102	45	105	23	60
Robertson	23	71	29	23	7
Brazos	7	44	3	6	"

Fourth Judicial District

Counties	Dist. Atty
	Stevens
Jones	
San Patricio	35
Nueces	82
Bexar	1487
Medina	104
Gillespie	52
Uvalde	

Fifth Judicial District

Counties	District Attorney	
	Walker	Spencer
Van Zandt	203	88
Rusk	226	9
Shelby	"	"
Sabine	133	132
Newton	155	48
Angelina	132	47
Nacogdoches	580	78

Sixth Judicial District

Counties	District Attorney					
	Darby	Evans	Edgar	Erwin	Bayley	Hentzleig
Cass	271	23	202	53	13	
Upshur	85	264	29	160	43	
Wood	97	4	13	23	12	
Smith	156	513	34	17	28	24
Cherokee	584	496	19	8	124	
Rusk	264	236	244	27	658	15
Panola	95	227	31	118	48	2
Harrison	306	14	395	171	97	

Eighth Judicial District

Counties	District Atty	
	A. Young	Absent
Bowie	"	"
Titus	"	"
Hopkins	143	2
Hunt	42	"
Collin	212	"
Denton	65	"
Cooke	"	"
Grayson	360	"
Fannin	396	"
Lamar	331	"
Red River	380	"

Ninth Judicial District

Counties	Dist. Attorney	
	Kinnard	Fowler
Montague	159	196
Anderson	323	325
Henderson	"	"
Cherokee	56	65
Kaufman	121	113
Navarro	288	132
Ellis	117	44
Tarrant	77	25
Dallas	385	120

Tenth Judicial District

Counties	Dist. Attorney	
	Clapp	?
Victoria	326	"
Calhoun	329	"
Jackson	66	"
La Vaca	"	"
Gonzales	262	"
DeWitt	226	"
Goliad	75	"

Twelfth Judicial District

Counties	Dist. Attorney	
	Hamilton	Gaines
Kinney	"	"
Webb	153	86
Starr	184	140
Hidalgo	170	37
Cameron	470	446

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas a vacancy has occurred in the thirty first Representative District, composed of the County of Walker, occasioned by the permanent removal of the Hon. Francis L. Hatch from said County, and beyond the limits of this State:

Therefore it is ordered and directed that the Chief Justice of said County of Walker give due and legal notice of not less than five days for an election to be held at the several precincts in said County for a Representative to fill the vacancy occasioned as aforesaid.

And I do further order and direct that the Chief Justice aforesaid give to the Representative elect of said District, the proper certificate of election, and make returns of said election, according to law, to the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed — Done at the City of Austin this 15th day of October A.D. 1852.

P. H. Bell.

L. S.

By the Governor

Tho. H. Duval

Secy of State.

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, the Hon: Lemuel D. Evans has resigned the office of Judge of the sixth Judicial District of this State, composed of the Counties of Cass, Upshur, Wood, Smith, Cherokee, Rusk, Panola, and Harrison, which resignation will take effect from and after the twenty fourth day of November next.

Now, Therefore be it Known that I, P. H. Bell Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that the Chief Justices (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the several Counties composing the said sixth Judicial District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties on Monday the twentieth day of December next for the electing a District Judge to fill the vacancy which will have been occasioned by the resignation aforesaid.

And the Chief Justices of the several Counties aforesaid will promptly make duplicate returns of the elections held in their respective Counties for the election of a District Judge as aforesaid, carefully sealed up, one of which returns will be transmitted by them to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and indorsed "Election Returns of County, for Judge of the 6th Judicial District," and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 23rd day of October A.D. 1852

By the Governor

Geo. W. Smith
Secty of State

P. H. Bell

Proclamation.
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, a call of the Legislature of the State of Texas, to be convened in extraordinary session, is, in the opinion of the Executive; demanded by events which have transpired since the adjournment of that body at its last regular session, and may conduce eminently to the public interest:

Now, therefore, I, P. H. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution, do, by these presents, hereby require that the Senators and Representatives composing the Legislature of this State, shall assemble in special session at the Capitol, in the City of Austin, on the second Monday (the 10th day) of January next, to deliberate and take such action upon, as their wisdom may direct, the matters which will then be presented for their consideration.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the 1st day of November A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th, and of Texas the 17th year

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duval
Sec'y of State

P. H. Bell

The following Papers are requested to give the foregoing Proclamation three insertions, each — viz Houston Telegraph, Galveston, News, American Flag; Texian Advocate, San Antonio Herald, Western Sentinel, Nacogdoches Chronicle, Nueces Valley, Marshall Republican, Trinity Advocate, Tyler Telegraph, Navasota (Washington) Huntsville Item, State Gazette, & South Western American

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the October term 1852 of the District Court held in and for the County of Walker, in said State, Peter Collins, a citizen of said County, was convicted of the crime of Man-slaughter, and was by the verdict of the Jury and judgment of the Court, sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the State Penitentiary.

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the petition of a number of respectable citizens of said County and for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Peter Collins, and do order and direct that he be discharged from the County Jail of said County, or from the Penitentiary aforesaid, should he be there confined under and by virtue of the judgment and sentence aforesaid, on Condition that the said Peter Collins do first pay all Costs which may have accrued, and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including the fee due to the District Attorney: and so soon as this Condition be complied with, the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Walker, is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon; and the Sheriff of said County, or any other officer having the charge and custody of the said Peter Collins, under said Judgment and Sentence, is directed to discharge him from all further custody and confinement, and for so doing, this shall be his or their sufficient warrant:

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the 10th day of Nov. A.D. 1852 of the Independence of the United States the 77th & of Texas the 7th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

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State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the Fall Term A.D. 1852 of the District Court held in and for the County of Fayette in said State, George Barrier, a Citizen of said County was convicted of the crime of manslaughter, and was by the verdict of the jury and judgment of the Court sentenced to one year and eight months hard labor in the Penitentiary.

Now, therefore, be it Known that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the Petitions of a large Number of Citizens of said County and others, as well as for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said George Barrier, and do order and direct that he be discharged from the County Jail of said County, or from the Penitentiary aforesaid, should he be there confined, under and by virtue of the judgment and sentence aforesaid.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Fayette is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon; and the Sheriff of said County, or any other officer who may have the charge and Custody of the said George Barrier, under said judgment and sentence, is hereby directed to discharge him from all further custody and Confinement, and for so doing this shall be his or their sufficient warrant.

This act of Executive Clemency is not to be so construed as to release the said George Barrier from the payment of all such costs and charges which may have accrued, and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including the fee due to the District Attorney.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 24th day of November A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th & of Texas the 17th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
H. P. Bee Secretary of State

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the fall term A.D. 1852, of the District Court holden in and for the County of Bastrop, in said State, Charles C. Strahan was convicted of an assault with intent to kill and murder one George B. Petty, and was by the verdict of the Jury and Judgment of the Court, sentenced to one years labor in the Penitentiary:

Now, therefore, be it known that I P.H. Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the Petition of a large number of respectable citizens of said County, as well as for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Charles C. Strahan, and do order and direct that he be discharged from the County Jail of said County, or from the Penitentiary aforesaid, or wherever else he may be confined under and by virtue of the Judgment and Sentence aforesaid.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Bastrop, is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon; and the Sheriff of said County or any other Officer who may have the charge and custody of the said Charles C. Strahan under said Judgment and sentence is hereby directed to discharge him from all further custody and confinement, and for so doing, this shall be his or their sufficient warrant.

This act of Executive Clemency is not to be so construed, as to release the said Charles C. Strahan from the payment of all such costs and charges which may have accrued, and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including the fees due to the District Attorney

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 29th day of November A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th years

By the Governor

H. Graves
Secy of State

P.H. Bell

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Presidential Election

Official

Be it Remembered, that on this the 29th day of November, 1852, the returns so far as received, of the election held in this State, on the second instant, for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, were opened according to law; and the following is the result thereof:

Counties	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anderson	412	412	412	412	130	130	130	130
Angelina	56	56	56	56	17	28	16	17
Bastrop	243	243	243	243	94	94	94	94
Bell	157	157	157	157	26	26	26	26
Bexar	802	802	802	802	299	299	299	299
Bragos	34	34	34	34		9		9
Bainbow	103	103	103	103	19	19	19	19
Bliamet	21	21	21	21				
Caldwell	235	235	235	235	84	84	84	84
Cass	75	75	75	75	24	30	13	30
Chambers	696	696	696	696	248	248	248	248
Collin	135	135	135	135	38	38	38	38
Colorado	92	92	92	92	30	30	30	30
Comal	112	112	112	112	16	6	6	6
Cooke	14	14	14	14	5	5	5	5
Dallas	383	383	383	383	132	108	108	131
Denton	37	37	37	37				
Ellis	90	90	90	90	43	43	43	43
Fannin	208	208	208	208		63		63
Fayette	341	341	341	341	165	165	165	165
Fort Bend	86	86	86	86	31	31	31	31
Galveston	324	324	324	324	141	141	141	141
Gillespie	74	74	74	74	2	2	2	2
Gonzales	208	209	208	206	120	112	119	120
Grayson	198	198	198	198	48	48	48	58

Counties								
Gaines	142	141	142	142	53	52	53	53
Guadalupe	145	132	145	132	68	68	68	68
Harris	468	468	468	468	195	195	195	195
Harrison	400	402	402	398	283	283	283	283
Hays	55	55	55	55	21	21	21	21
Henderson	74	74	74	74	23	23	4	21
Houston	125	125	125	125	46	46	46	46
Hunt	121	121	121	121		19		19
Jackson	90	90	90	90	33	33	33	33
Jasper	121	121	121	121	30	30	30	27
Lamar	189	189	189	189		57	57	57
Lavaca	85	85	85	85	33	33	33	33
Leon	124	124	124	124	48	48	48	48
Liberty	87	87	87	87	40	40	40	40
Limestone	176	176	175	175	38	38	38	38
Matagorda	74	73	74	74	30	30	30	30
McLennan	45	45	45	45	5	5	5	5
Medina	42	42	42	42	2	2	2	2
Milam	119	119	118	119	55	55	56	55
Montgomery	120	120	119	120	74	74	74	74
Nacogdoches	312	312	312	312	79	79	79	79
Newton	111	111	111	111	16	16	16	16
Nueces	52	52	52	52	21	21	21	21
Orange	39	39	39	39	23	23	23	23
Red River	233	234	234	234	68	86	68	85
Robertson	94	95	89	95	53	53	53	53
Rusk	588	590	589	590	234	242	223	225
Sabine	81	81	81	81	13	13	13	13
San Augustine	158	158	158	158	29	29	29	27
San Patricio	30	30	30	30				
Shelby	106	91	91	91	19	19	19	19
Tarrant	60	61	60	61	11	1		9
Titus	240	240	239	241	97	100	99	98

Counties								
Davis	370	370	370	370	118	118	118	118
Juneity	17	17	17	17				
Uintah	43	43	43	43				
Victoria	96	96	96	96	84	84	84	84
Walker	228	228	228	228	72	72	72	72
Washington	519	519	519	519	199	199	199	121
Wheaton	59	59	59	59	17	17	17	17
Williamson	143	143	143	143	62	62	62	62
	11.519	11.519	11.487	11.459	4.024	4.187	4.016	4.128

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State Department
Austin, Nov. 29. 1852

Sir,

I have the honor to notify you of your election by the people of this State, as one of the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Tho. H. Duval
Secy of State

Hon: Samuel C. Evans
Hon: Guy M. Bryan
Hon: George W. Smyth
Hon: R. S. Neighbors.

State of Texas

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that according to the returns made in pursuance of law, of an election held throughout this State on the 2nd day of November A.D. 1852, Samuel D. Evans, Guy M. Bryan, George W. Smyth and Robert S. Neighbors were chosen electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the State aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State. Done at the City of Austin this 30th day of November A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th, and of Texas the 17th year.

L.S.

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duval
Secy of State

P. H. Bell

In the Electoral College for the State of Texas,
Austin, December 1. 1852

To the Hon: Tho. H. Duval
Secretary of State for Texas:

Sir,

The undersigned Electors, chosen by the people of Texas for the purpose of casting the vote of the State for President and Vice President of the United States, have the honor to notify you that having assembled this day at the hour of 2 O'clock P.M. at the Capitol for the said purpose, and the Hon: Guy M. Bryan, one of the Electors chosen also by the people, not appearing, we have nominated and appointed W. D. Miller to cast his vote in the Electoral College.

We have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your obt servts
Geo. W. Smyth
R. S. Neighbors
L. D. Evans

Austin, December 1. 1852

Sir,

We the undersigned, Electors of President and Vice President for the State of Texas, herewith respectfully communicate, for record in your Department, the result of our proceedings as Electors as aforesaid.

We have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt servts
Geo. W. Smyth
Robt S. Neighbors
L. D. Evans
W. D Miller

To Hon: Tho. H. Duval
Secy of State

The State of Texas.

Be it Remembered that on this the 1st day of December, in the year 1852, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the State of Texas, duly and legally elected, to cast the vote of Texas in the elections of President and Vice President of the United States, met in the Capitol at Austin, the seat of Government of said State, and proceeded to vote by ballot for President and Vice President of the United States, the result whereof was as follows:

For President of the United States, Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire received - - - Four Votes

For Vice President of the United States, William R. King of Alabama received Four votes.

In testimony whereof we hereunto set our hands and seals, at the City of Austin, Texas, the 1st day of December 1852:

L. D. Evans
Geo. W. Smyth
Robt. S. Neighbors
W. D. Miller

State of Texas

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that George W. Smyth, Robert S. Neighbors and Lemuel D. Evans, Electors lately chosen by the people of Texas for the purpose of casting the vote of the State for President and Vice President of the United States, have this day nominated and appointed Washington D. Miller to act as an Elector in the place of Guy M. Bryan (also chosen by the people as an Elector) and who has failed to be in attendance.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 1st day of December A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th year.

(L.S.)

By the Governor
Wm. M. Duncan Sec. of State

P. H. Bell

State of Texas.

Austin Dec. 1. 1852

The undersigned, Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the State of Texas, do hereby appoint Samuel D. Evans, as Messenger, for the purpose of conveying to the President of the Senate of the United States Congress, a certificate of their Vote for President and Vice President of the United States.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our hands and seals this 1st day of Dec. 1852.

Geo M. Swingle
Robt. S. Neighbors
W. D. Miller

P. Hansbrough Bell
Governor of the State of Texas.

To His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Arkansas ——— ——— Greeting:

Whereas by an indictment found by the Grand Jurors of the County of Travis, in the State of Texas, at the September term 1852 of the District Court of said County, a copy of which is hereunto annexed and duly certified to be correct and authentic, Blake St. Thompson is charged with having committed the crime of murder in the County of Travis aforesaid on the 26th day of August 1852; and whereas it appears that the said Thompson has fled from Justice, and is to be found in the State of Arkansas, whither he has taken refuge:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 12th day of February 1793, I have to demand that your Excellency will cause the said Blake St. Thompson to be arrested, secured and delivered up to the bearer of these presents, who is authorized to receive said fugitive and conduct him to the State of Texas, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

L.S.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 2nd day of December A.D. 1852, and of the Independence of Texas, the 17th year

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Secy of State

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the Fall term 1852 of the District Court held in and for the County of Bexar, in said State, Martin Hellmuth was convicted of the crime of larceny, and was by the verdict of the jury and judgment of the Court, sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the State Penitentiary:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the petition of a number of respectable citizens of said County, and for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby pardon the said Martin Hellmuth for ~~the~~ the crime aforesaid, and release him from the penalty so imposed as aforesaid, on condition that he, the said Hellmuth, submit to be imprisoned in the Common Jail of Bexar County during the period of thirty days, to commence on the day of the receipt of this pardon by the officer having him in charge; and on the further condition that said Hellmuth do pay the prison fees, which will accrue from said imprisonment in the County Jail aforesaid, at the expiration of the same and also costs and fees legally due and owing upon his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid. And so soon as the term of imprisonment herein prescribed for said Hellmuth shall have expired, and the other conditions of this pardon shall have been complied with, the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Bexar is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to give due effect to this pardon, and thereupon the Sheriff of said County or other officer having the charge and custody of said Martin Hellmuth, under the judgment and sentence aforesaid, is directed to discharge him from such further custody and confinement, and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto

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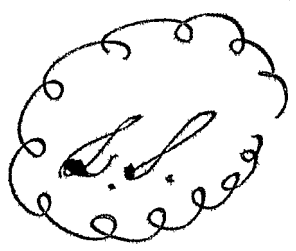
set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin this the 11th day of December A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th, and of Texas the 17th year



P. H. Bell

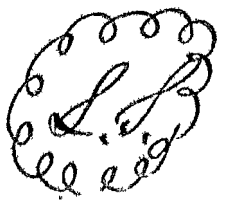
By the Governor
Wm. H. Owen
Secy of State

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented to me that at the Fall term A.D. 1852 of the District Court of Hays County, Thomas G. McGehee was found guilty of an assault and battery upon Charles B. Shafer and sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars:

Now, be it Known that I, P. Hansbrough Bell Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and in Compliance with the Petition of a large number of respectable citizens of said County, and for other satisfactory reasons to me shown, do hereby remit the said fine of one hundred dollars; and upon the payment of all costs attending said judgment including the legal fee due the District Attorney, I do hereby authorize the said Thomas G. McGehee to be discharged from all further liability for and on account of said judgment.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Hays, is hereby directed and required to make such entries upon the records of said Court (upon the payment of the costs and Attorneys' fee as aforesaid) as will give full effect to this remission.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 16th day of Dec. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th year

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Secy of State

P. H. Bell

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, it has been represented to me that John Oliver, late of the County of Gonzales, in the State aforesaid, on the 6th instant committed a murder upon the body of Philip H. Coe of said County, and that the said John Oliver is now a fugitive from justice:

Therefore, be it Known that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby, offer a reward of three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said John Oliver into the custody of the Sheriff of Gonzales County aforesaid, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done in the City of Austin, this 20th day of December A.D. 1852, and of the Independence of Texas the seventeenth

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Jno. H. Reagan
Secy of State

John Oliver is about 22 years of age five feet 9, or 10 inches high, of slender form, dark skin and hair, eyes of a yellowish color, has a down cast look when spoken to, with a heavy frown on his brow. Has little to say—

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and required to make such entries upon the records of said County Court, (upon of the Costs and fees of Attorney as aforesaid) as will give effect to this remission.

In testimony whereof, I have here=
=unto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State, to be affixed,
Done at the City of Austin, this the 20th day of January A.D. 1853.
Of the Independence of the U States the 77th and of Texas, the 17th year.

E. H. Bell

By the Gov.
Tho. H. Duval
Sec of State

State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall term of the District Court holden in and for the County of Jasper in said State A.D. 1851, One Thomas B. Williams was tried and convicted upon the charge of Arson, and sentenced to five years imprison=
=ment in the State Penitentiary, where he is now confined;

Now therefore, be it known that I, E. Pendergraph Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in Compliance with the Petition of a large number of respectable Citizens of said County, as well as for other Satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Thomas B. Williams, and do order and direct that he be discharged from said Penitentiary and absolved from the unexpired portion of the sentence imposed upon him for the crime aforesaid.

And the Clerk of District Court of said County of Jasper is hereby directed to make due entries upon the records of said Court, as may be necessary and proper to give due

officer to this warden; and the keeper of said Penitentiary, or other officer having the legal charge and custody of the said Thomas C. Williams within said counties, is hereby directed to discharge him from any further custody and confinement, and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient warrant.

This act of Executive clemency is not to be so construed, as to release the said Thomas C. Williams from the payment of said costs, and charges which may have accrued and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including the fee due to the District Attorney.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 9th day of January A.D. 1863, of the Independence of the United States the 87th and of Texas the 17th year.

(Seal)

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Sec. of State

State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall Term A.D. 1862, of the District Court for the County of Bexar, State aforesaid, one Benjamin F. Ford was indicted for an assault with intent to kill and upon the trial thereof was found guilty of an aggravated assault and sentenced to imprisonment in the County Jail of said County for the term of six months, and also to pay a fine of five hundred dollars,

Now therefore, I, Pendleton Murrah, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with

the petition of a large number of respectable citizens of said County, as well as for other satisfactory reasons appearing to me, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Benjamin F. Holland, and do order and direct that he be discharged from all further imprisonment as well as released from the payment of the fine aforesaid.

And the Clerk of District Court of said County of Bexar, is hereby directed to make such entries upon the record, of said Court, as may be necessary and proper to give due effect to this pardon of said Holland, and remission of fine imposed upon him, as aforesaid: and the Sheriff of said County or other officer having the legal charge and custody of the said Benj. F. Holland under said sentence, is hereby directed to discharge him from all further custody and confinement and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient warrant.

This act of Executive Clemency is not to be so construed as to release the said Benj. F. Holland from the payment of all such cost and charges, which may have accrued and be legally due and owing on account of this prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including the fee due to the District Attorney.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, Done at the City of Austin this 24th day of January A.D. 1883, of the Independence of the United States the 107th and of Texas the 17th year

J. W. Hall

By the Governor
Thos. M. Duval
Asst. Sec. of State

State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall Term A.D. 1871, of the District Court holden in and for the County of Colorado in said State, One William H. Worley was found guilty of an assault and battery, and sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars:

Now, be it known, that I, P. Hamtrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the petition of a number of respectable citizens of said County, as well as for other satisfactory reasons to me made known, do hereby remit the said fine of fifty dollars, and direct that the said William H. Worley be discharged from all further liabilities for and on account of the same, provided, he first pay all costs attending his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including the legal fee which may be due the District Attorney,

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Colorado, is hereby directed and required to make such entries upon the records of said Court (on payment of the costs and attorneys fees as aforesaid) as will give due and proper effect to this remission of said fine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at Austin this 2nd day of January A.D. 1873. Of the Independence of the United States the 97th and of Texas the 37th year.

P. H. Bell.

By the Governor
M. T. Lubbock
Sec of State.

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State of Texas

A Term at the Fall Term A.D. 1852. of the District Court holden in and for the County of Navarro, the Hon. James Davis presiding. In accordance with law, a register of the animals, by him slaughtered for market, and upon the hide of each of which a fine of One dollar was duly assessed, has been returned to me by said Judge, which register is in the words and figures following, to wit:

Register of animals slaughtered for market in Navarro County, Texas, for the Fall Term A.D. 1852.

Names of persons	No. of animals	Amount of fines
Wm. Kennedy	1	$1.00
Wm. Kennedy	1	1.00
Wm. Kennedy	1	1.00
Wm. Kennedy	1

State of Texas.

Whereas, at the Fall term A.D. 1872. of the District Court holden in and for the County of Bexar in said State, One Peter Adler was indicted for the crime of receiving goods, knowing the same to have been stolen, and upon the trial thereof found guilty and sentenced to one years imprisonment in the County Jail of said County; Now, therefore, be it known that I, E. Hamilton Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in consideration of the petition of a large number of the respectable citizens of said County, as well as for other satisfactory reasons, to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Peter Adler, and do order and direct that he be discharged from the further imprisonment in said County Jail by virtue of the sentence aforesaid,

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Bexar is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to give due and legal effect to this pardon; and the Sheriff of said County is hereby directed to discharge the said Peter Adler from the further custody or imprisonment, and for so doing this shall be his sufficient warrant.

This act of Clemency is not to be in force and effect from and after the 30th day of January A.D. 1873, at which time the said Peter Adler will be entitled to his discharge from the further custody or imprisonment, and for so doing this shall be his sufficient warrant.

(L.S.)

By the Governor
Geo. W. Smith
Secretary of State

E. H. Bell

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State of Texas

To all and singular the Sheriffs, Constables & other Peace Officers of our said State, ——— Greeting:

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me this Excellency, Elisha M. Pease, Governor of the State of Arkansas, that Peter L. Clinton, late of the County of Hot Spring, in said State of Arkansas, stands charged therein with the crime of murder, committed upon the body of one Jacob Bailey, and that the said Peter L. Clinton has effected from justice and said State of Arkansas, and taken refuge in the State of Texas;

And whereas the said Elisha M. Pease, Governor of said State of Arkansas, has in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States, demanded of the Governor of this State, the surrender of said Peter L. Clinton, and that he be delivered to Benjamin F. Hawley, authorized to receive him;

Now therefore, I, Peter H. Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the powers and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in obedience to the Constitution and laws of the United States, issue this, my Warrant, commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Peace Officers of said State, to arrest and hold and apprehend the said Peter L. Clinton, and to deliver him, when arrested, to the said Benj. F. Hawley, agent of the said State of Arkansas, in order that he may be taken back to said State to be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed,

Done at Austin this the 30th day of January A.D. 1853 & of the Independence of this State the 17th year

P. H. Bell

By the Governor:

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Secretary of State

State of Texas.

To the several Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of said State. ——— Greeting:

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me by His Excellency Elias M. Conway, Governor of the State of Arkansas, that Abner E. Thornton, late of the County of Pulaski, and said State of Arkansas, stands charged therein with the crime of forgery, and that the said Abner E. Thornton has fled from justice in said State, and taken refuge in this State of Texas:

Now therefore this said Elias M. Conway, Governor of the State of Arkansas, in pursuance with the Constitution and Laws of the United States, demand of the Executive of this State, that surrender of said Abner E. Thornton, and that he be delivered to Benjamin F. Dunlap, who is duly authorized to receive said fugitive,

Now, therefore, I, Oran M. Roberts, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said United States, and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States, requiring, that this demand, accompanying all the papers, Complaint, and other official papers, charging the said Abner E. Thornton with the crime aforesaid, be complied with, and requiring the said Abner E. Thornton, if found within the State of Texas, to be arrested and delivered to said Benj. F. Dunlap, agent appointed by the State of Arkansas, or other authorized agent who may be taken bond in such sum as the circumstances may require.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at the City of Austin, this the 3rd day of December A.D. 1883.

By the Governor:

O. M. Roberts

W. H. Bocker
Secretary of State.

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State of Texas.

Whereas, at the last term 1849, of the District Court holden in and for the County of Cherokee, in said State, a judgement was rendered for five hundred dollars, besides costs, against James R. Gordin, as one of the securities on a bond given for the appearance at said Court of one Robert Barkley, who had been therein indicted for keeping a gaming house, and which said bond was forfeited, and judgement rendered thereon as aforesaid against the said James R. Gordin.

Now therefore, be it known, that I. P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me made known, do hereby remit the said forfeiture of five hundred dollars imposed by the judgement of the Court against said James R. Gordin; and upon the payment of all costs attending said judgement, including any fee due the District Attorney, for attending to represent the State, I do hereby authorize and require that said Gordin be discharged from all further liability for and on account of said judgement.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Cherokee, is hereby directed and required to make such entries upon the Record, of said Court (upon the payment of the costs and attorneys fees as aforesaid) as will give full effect this remission of said judgment.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at Austin City, this seventh day of Feby A.D. 1853, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th year

P. H. Bell

Seal

By the Governor
H. F. Dutal
Secy State

Proclamation by the Governor of Texas.

Whereas, There has been created, at the present Session of the Legislature, the 13th Judicial District of the State of Texas, composed of the Counties of Brazos, Robertson, Leon, Navarro, Madison, Limestone, Freestone and Falls, in which it becomes necessary to hold an election for a Judge and District Attorney:

Now Therefore, be it known that I, P. H. Hamstrough Gov. Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby order and direct that the Chief Justices (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the respective Counties comprising the said 13th Judicial District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened on Monday the 14th day of March next, at the several precincts of their respective counties for the election of a District Judge and District Attorney, in and for the District aforesaid. And the Chief Justices aforesaid, or the County Commissioners, in case wherein they are authorized by law to discharge the duties of Chief Justices, of the several Counties above mentioned, will promptly make duplicate returns of the election for District Judge and District Attorney as aforesaid, carefully sealed up, one of which will be transmitted by them to the seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and Endorsed 'Election returns' of County for and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, Done at the City of Austin, this the 7th day of Feb, A.D. 1850, and of the Independence of the U. States the 74th and of Texas the 17th year.

P. H. Hamstrough

Seal

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Secr of State

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State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall Term A.D. 1852, of the District Court holden in and for the County of Austin, in said State, One William Smith was prosecuted upon a Criminal Charge growing out of a personal difficulty between Lewis Smith and John Green, and upon the trial thereof was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of two hundred dollars and costs:

Now, therefore, be it Known that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the petition of many respectable citizens of the same, as well as for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby remit the said fine of two hundred dollars, and direct that the said William Smith be discharged from further liability for and on account of the same, provided, he first pay all costs attending his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including such fees as may be legally due the District Attorney.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Austin is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court, (in payment of the Costs and Attorney's fee as aforesaid) as will give due effect to this remission of said fine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed, at the City of Austin this 3rd day of March A.D. 1853, of the Independence of the United States the 77th year of Texas the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Geo. W. Smyth

Secy of State

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Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented to me that John Hyde, late of the County of Harris, in the State aforesaid, on the 1st day of February 1853, committed a murder upon the body of Charles Butler, of said County, and that the said John Hyde is now a fugitive from Justice;

Therefore, be it Known, that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of said State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of three hundred dollars, for the apprehension and delivery of the said John Hyde into the custody of the Sheriff of Harris County, to the end that he may deal with according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the 18th day of March A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the Eighteenth.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Wm. M. Rowe
Secy of State —

The said John Hyde is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, about 33 years of age, weighs 150 or 160 pounds, fair skin, blue eyes, large nose and in other Complexion, he rode off a Chestnut sorrel horse, (a stallion.) He is bowlegs, a heavy man, Complexion sandy etc. Name, left in Company with him, riding a horse

Note. The State Gazette is ordered to publish the above Proclamation

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that Solon M. Morris, late of the County of Panola, in the State aforesaid, on the 14th day of January, 1853, committed a murder on the body of Stewart Boynton of said County, and that the said Solon M. Morris is now a fugitive from justice.

Therefore, be it known that I, P. H. Bell Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said John M. Morris into the custody of the Sheriff of Panola County, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the 18th day of March A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the Eighteenth.

By the Governor
Wm. M. Duval
Secy of State

P. H. Bell

The said John M. Morris is about 35 years old, 5 feet 11 or 11½ inches high, weighs 160 or 170 pounds, fair complexion, sandy hair and red beard — he rode off a black horse and had with him a flinted barrelled, half stocked rifle gun. ——

Note, The State Gazette was not authorized to publish the above Proclamation —

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas,

Whereas, it has been represented to me that F. M. Sanders, late of the County of McLennan, in the State aforesaid, on the 21st day of February 1853, committed a murder upon the body of W. Stanley, of said County, and that the said F. M. Sanders is now a fugitive from justice:

Therefore, be it known, that I P. H. Bell, Governor of the said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by the constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said F. M. Sanders into the custody of the Sheriff of McLennan County, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law:

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the 18th day of March A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the eighteenth

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Wm. M. Rogers
Secy of State

The said Sanders is about 22 years old, five feet 8 or 9 inches high, blue eyes, light hair curly, whiskers and moustaches but very little hair on chin, weighs about 135 pounds, Mexican features, rather commanding air, wears no beard, tall and large and fond of exhibiting himself is a horse dealer and boasts of his riding well known —

The above Proclamation was never heretofore

State of Texas

To all and singular the Sheriffs, Constables, and other Civil Officers of said State — Greeting.

Whereas, it has been represented and made Known to me by His Excellency Henry W. Collier, Governor of the State of Alabama, that William Boyd, late of the County of Montgomery, in said State, stands Charged therein with the Crime of Arson, by indictment duly found and presented, a copy of which, properly authenticated, accompanies said representation, and that the said Boyd has fled from justice in said State and taken refuge in the State of Texas;

And whereas, the said Henry W. Collier, Governor of said State of Alabama, has, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States, demanded of the Executive of this State the surrender of said William Boyd, and that he be delivered up to William M. Jones, who is duly authorized to receive him.

Now, therefore, Know ye, that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in obedience to the Constitution and laws of the United States, issue this my warrant, Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil Officers of said State, to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting the said William Boyd, and to deliver him, when arrested, to William M. Jones, Agent of said State of Alabama, to be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this, the 2nd day of April A.D. 1853. & of the Independence of the United States the 77th year, and of Texas the 18th

By the Governor
James H. Johnson
Actg Secty of State

P. H. Bell

State of Texas.

Whereas, at the Fall Term 1849, of the District Court of Harris County, in said State, a Judgment was rendered for One Thousand dollars, besides costs, against James B. Morgan, as one of the securities on a bond given for the appearance at said Court of one James Henry, who had been therein indicted for Keeping and exhibiting a Faro Bank, and which said bond was forfeited, and Judgment rendered thereon, as aforesaid, against the said James B. Morgan:

Now, Therefore, be it Known, that I. P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me made Known, do hereby remit the said forfeiture of One Thousand dollars imposed by the Judgment of the Court on the said James B. Morgan; and upon the payment of all costs attending said Judgment, including the fee due the District Attorney who then represented the State, I do hereby authorize and require that the said Morgan be discharged from all further liability for and on account of said Judgment. And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Harris, is hereby directed and required to make such entries on the records of said Court (upon the payment of the costs as aforesaid) as will give full effect to this remission of said Judgment.

L.S.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed.
Done at the City of Austin, this 14th day of August A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval
Secy of State

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State of Texas

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the fall term A.D. 1852 of the District Court holden in and for the County of Harris, in said State, a negro slave named Sobert, the property of L. A. Latham Esqr. a citizen of said County, was convicted of the crime of larceny, and was, by the verdict of the Jury, and the Judgment of the Court, sentenced to one year's imprisonment and hard labor in the State Penitentiary;

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, P. H. Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said negro slave Sobert, and do order and direct that he be discharged from all further Custody or confinement under and by virtue of the Judgment and sentence of the said District Court of Harris County, on condition that the owner of said slave do first pay all costs which have been taxed and which are legally due and owing on his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, and so soon as this condition is complied with the Clerk of the District Court of Harris County is hereby directed to enable such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon; and the Sheriff of said County, or any other officer having the charge and custody of said slave, Sobert, is thereupon required and directed to discharge him from all further Custody and confinement, and for so doing this shall be his or their sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 14th day of August A.D. 1853, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 18th year.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

By the Governor of the State of Texas,

A Proclamation.

Whereas, by a Joint Resolution of the late extra Session of the State Legislature, approved Feby 7th 1853, a certain amendment to the Constitution of the State is proposed, which Joint Resolution is in the words and figures following, to wit:

"Joint Resolution proposing an Amendment to the Constitution"-

"Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the following be proposed as an amendment to the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, to be added to which amendment as Section 3, which, when ratified as provided for by the 3rd section of the Seventh Article of said Constitution, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of said Constitution:

Sec. 3. That in case a vacancy shall from any cause occur in any of the offices mentioned in the first section of the Amendment of the Constitution, the Governor shall appoint some suitable person to fill such vacancy, who shall continue to discharge the duties of such Office until the time of the next general election to = =established by law for the election of State or County Officers, and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified."

Now, Therefore, I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby, in pursuance of the law and Constitution, order and direct that the above recited Joint Resolution be published in the Public Prints of this State, for the consideration of the People, at least three months previous to the next general Election to be held throughout the State, on Monday the first day of August next.

And I do further order and direct the Chief Justices of the several Counties, and in case of Vacancy in the office of Chief Justice or inability

of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to cause polls to be opened at the several precincts in their respective counties on the said 1st day of August next, and the vote of all those voting for Representatives in the State Legislature to be taken for and against the adoption of the said proposed amendment. The Chief Justices of the several counties (and in case of vacancy, in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) are returns to the Secretary of State Complete lists of the names of all those voting for Representatives in the Legislature, which lists must show who voted for and who voted against the said proposed amendment, as well as the numbers of those returned not voted at all upon the question as a majority of the whole number of votes cast for Representatives throughout the State seems to be contemplated as necessary to an amendment of the Constitution.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 2nd day of May A.D. 1853, of the Independence of the United State, the 77th and of Texas, the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Sect. of State

The following papers were requested to publish the above proclamation until 1st of August next - to wit: The State Gazette, South Western American, Rio Grande Sentinel, Houston Telegraph, Galveston News, Galveston Zeitung, Texas Republican, Marshall Star, Tyler Telegraph, Texian Advocate, Jordan's Bulletin, La Grange Monument, Nacogdoches Star, San Antonio Ledger, Zeitung at New Braunfels, Nacogdoches Chronicle and Navis Valley -

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented to me that J.W. Ford, late of the County of Bexar, in the State aforesaid, did, on Thursday the 28th ultimo, commit a murder upon the body of Juan Barcelona, of said County, and that the said J.W. Ford is now a fugitive from justice:

Therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of Three hundred Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said J.W. Ford into the custody of the Sheriff of Bexar County, to the end he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 7th day of May A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the 18th year.

L.S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Thos. H. Duval

The said J.W. Ford is about 25 years of age, of slight build, dark hair and eyes, and about five feet seven or eight inches in height.

N.B. The above proclamation ordered to be inserted four times in the S.W. American, Ledger & Rio Grande Sentinel.

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Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas it has been represented to me, that one John F. Smith, late a Sergeant in the United States Army, stands indicted in the District Court of the County of Gillespie in the State aforesaid, for the crimes of Arson charged to have been committed therein, and that he, the said John F. Smith, is now a fugitive from Justice.

Therefore, I, Runnels of Governor that I. P. Morehead Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said John F. Smith into the Custody of the Sheriff of Gillespie County aforesaid, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 9th day of May A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the 18th year.

L.S.

J. P. Bell

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duval

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, by an Act of the late extra session of the Legislature, approved February 9th 1853, certain appropriations were made for internal improvements in this State, subject, for its adoption, to a popular vote, which Act is in the words and figures following, to wit:

"An Act making appropriations for the improvement of the rivers of the State."

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, that the sum of thirty three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the improvement of the navigation of the Sabine river;

That the sum of thirty seven thousand four hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Trinity river; That the sum of thirty seven thousand four hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Bayou and Little rivers; and toward the completion of the Canal now in progress under the direction of the Galveston and Bayou Navigation Company;

That the sum of thirty seven thousand four hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Colorado river; That the sum of twenty three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Neches and Angelina rivers; That the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Guadalupe river; That the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the San Antonio river;

For Ferry Lake from the Louisiana line to Jefferson, twelve thousand dollars; For Caplen's Bayou, from Jefferson to Watson's Ferry, two thousand dollars;

For Little Cypress, two thousand dollars; For the Jefferson fork of Red River, eight thousand dollars; For Dunn's Bayou, one thousand dollars; That the sum of seventeen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to Red River; That the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated

to Buffalo Bayou; that the sum of four thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the San Jacinto river; that the sum of three thousand be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the San Bernard river; that the sum of three thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the La Vaca and Navidad rivers; that the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the Nueces river; and for the Mission and the Bay at its mouth, the sum of three thousand dollars.

Section 2. That a board of Internal Improvements, consisting of three members, shall be elected for each of the following rivers; Sabine; Trinity, Brazos, Colorado, San Jacinto, San Bernard, Navidad, Galveston & Aransas and Nueces; and one board consisting of three members, shall be elected for the Neches and Angelina rivers; and a board consisting of three members shall be elected for the San Antonio, and one for the Guadalupe; and a board, consisting of three members, shall be elected for Penn Lake and Cypress Bayou and Sabine Bayou; and a board consisting of three members shall be elected for the Mississippi river and the Bay at its mouth, which said boards shall be elected by both Houses of the Legislature, in Joint Session; and each member of said boards, before entering on the duties of his office, shall enter into bond, with sufficient security, in the sum of Ten Thousand dollars, payable to the Governor and his successor in Office, for the faithful discharge of the duties which may be assigned them, which said bond shall be approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State, upon which suit may be brought from time to time, and not to be void upon the first recovery, for a forfeiture thereof; and each member shall also take and subscribe the following oath, before any person legally authorized to administer the same: "I do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm as the case may be,) that I will well and truly discharge all the duties as a member of the board of Internal Improvements, to which I have been elected, which may be imposed upon me, by the Legislature from time to time;" and said members of the board shall receive two dollars per day for each and every day they may be engaged

engaged in the discharge of their duties.

Section 3. That the several boards shall lay off the work to be done in sections of convenient size, let out the work to the lowest bidder, who shall enter into bond in double the amount of his bid, for the faithfull performance of his work, with securities to be approved by the board; they shall superintend the work, and see that it is done in conformity with the contracts, but neither of them shall either directly or indirectly be interested in any bid or contract.

Section 4. That the said respective boards shall elect one of their number President of the same, who shall preside at all the meetings of the board, should he be present; and he shall have the power to convene the board, with the concurrence of one other member, whenever he may deem it necessary to do so; and two members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and the said board shall keep a record of their proceedings touching all their transactions in the discharge of their duties, a copy of which shall be by them, transmitted once in every three months, to the Governor, for his inspection, and which shall, by him, be filed in the office of the Secretary of State for the inspection of all who may desire to see it; and the said board, shall, from time to time, draw drafts, on the Treasury, in favor of the Contractor, for such sums as they may think necessary and proper, to enable such contractor to progress with his work; Provided, that in no case shall they draw for more than two thirds of the work actually done and performed, until the whole of the contract shall have been completed.

Section 5. That all the proceedings of the respective boards touching their duties, shall be, by them, laid before the next session of the Legislature, after they are had; also, all the proceedings of the Governor, touching his duties and transactions with the said boards, shall be, by him, laid before the next session of the Legislature, after they are had, and in the case of a vacancy in the board, occuring the recess of the Legislature, it shall be filled by the two remaining members, whose appointments shall be in force until the meeting of

the next Legislature; and in the event that there shall be at any time only one member of the board, it shall be the duty of the Governor to fill the vacancy or vacancies, which appointments shall, in like manner, continue in office until the next session of the Legislature.

Section 6. That each member of the board may make out his account, every three months, for his services, which shall be signed by each member of the board and submitted to the Governor for his approval, and if by him approved, the Treasurer shall pay the same, but should the Governor disapprove the same, he shall return it to the said board with his reasons for his disapproval.

Section 7. That the Governor shall cause this act to be submitted to the qualified electors, at the next general election to be held in August next; and if there are more votes cast in favor of, than against the adoption of this act, then it shall take effect and be in force, and not otherwise".

Approved February 7. 1853

Now, Therefore, I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby, in pursuance of the requirements of said act, order and direct that the Chief Justices of the several Counties (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice or the inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) cause polls to be opened at the several precincts in their respective Counties, on the first monday (being the first day) of August next, and the votes of all those voting for Representatives in the State Legislature to be taken for and against the adoption of said act. The Chief Justices of the several Counties (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act then any two of the County Commissioners) who return to the Secretary of State Complete Lists, showing the number of votes cast for and against the adoption of the said Act.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 5th day of May A.D. 1853. of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas, the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Tho. H. Duval
Secy of State

* The following persons were elected Delegates to the Convention from the Counties annexed to their names, viz: American Alley, Jno. Adams, Archibald Burnett, Wm. Cameron, Daniel Drake, Hansford Duncan, Stephen F. Austin, Wm. Pettus, Wm. Pitt, Robert Potter, Thos. J. Rusk, Geo. W. Smyth, Jno. Sutherland, Peter W. Grayson, Richard Roberts, Jno. Hemphill, Thos. Jefferson Rusk, Jno. Hemphill, Richard Roberts, Peter W. Grayson

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the October term A.D 1851 of the District Court held in and for the County of DeWitt, in said State, William Mc Connell, late of said County, was convicted of the crime of attempting to commit a rape, and was, by the verdict of the jury and judgment of the Court, sentenced to five years' imprisonment and hard labor in the State Penitentiary, where he is now confined:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority invested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do, for satisfactory reasons to me appearing, hereby grant a full pardon to the said William Mc Connell, and do order and direct that he be discharged from said Penitentiary, and absolved from the unexpired portion of the sentence imposed upon him for the crime aforesaid. And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of DeWitt is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court, as may be necessary and proper to give due effect to this pardon; and the Keeper of said Penitentiary, or other Officer having the legal charge and custody of the said William Mc Connell, under said sentence, is hereby directed to discharge him from all further custody and confinement, and for so doing, this shall be his sufficient warrant.

This act of Executive clemency is not to be so construed, as to release the said William Mc Connell from the payment of all such costs and charges which may have accrued and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including the fee due to the District Attorney.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 24th day of May A.D 1853, of the Independence of the United States the 77th year and of Texas the 18th.

P. H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

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Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented ~~and made known~~ to me that William Fitzgerald, late of the County of Webb, in the State aforesaid, on the first day of May A.D. 1853, committed a murder upon the body of Riley C. Robinson of said County, and that the said William Fitzgerald is now a fugitive from justice:

Therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of Three hundred Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said William Fitzgerald into the custody of the Sheriff of Webb County aforesaid, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 24th day of May A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the seventeenth.

L.S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Tho. H. Duval

Secy of State

The above Proclamation was ordered to be published in San Antonio Ledger and in the Reclamador Mexicano for three weeks in Spanish and English —

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, by an act of the Legislature, approved March 20th 1848, it is required that an election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of the General Land Office be held throughout this State, on the first Monday in August next.

Now, therefore, I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that polls be opened at the several precincts of the respective Counties, in this State, on the first Monday (the first day) of August next, for the election of a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and a Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The Chief Justices of the several Counties (and in case of vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) will give due notice, and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties, on the said first monday (the first day) of August next for the election as aforesaid, of a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of the General Land Office of this State. The Chief Justices or County Commissioners, in Cases wherein they are authorized by law to discharge the duties of Chief Justices, of the several Counties of this State, will promptly make duplicate returns of the elections for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, carefully sealed up, one of which shall be transmitted to the Seat of Government, and directed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives endorsed, "Election returns of County, for Governor and Lieutenant Governor"; and the other shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court.

The returns for Commissioner of the General Land Office, will, in like manner, be made in duplicate, separately, carefully sealed up, one of which will be transmitted to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election returns of County for Commissioner of the General Land Office;

And whereas, by the said act, it is also required that an election be held at the several precincts of the respective counties of the first and second Congressional Districts for Representatives in the Congress of the United States,—

Therefore, I do hereby further order and direct that the Chief Justices, or in case of inability in that office to act, then any two of the County Commissioners of the counties of Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Cass, Cherokee, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Franklin, Grayson, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jasper, Jefferson, Kaufman, Lamar, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood, respectively, composing the first Congressional District; and of the counties of Austin, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Bingora, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Colorado, Comal, De Witt, Ellis, El Paso, Falls, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Harris, Hidalgo, Hill, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Matagorda, McLennan, Medina, Milam, Montgomery, Navarro, Nueces, Presidio, Refugio, Robertson, San Patricio, Starr, Tarrant, Travis, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Webb, Williamson and Wharton, respectively, composing the second Congressional District, give due notice and cause notice to be given, as aforesaid at the several precincts of their respective Counties, for the election of a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the District to which the said Counties may respectively belong, and also returns made, in duplicate, carefully sealed up, one of which shall be transmitted to the seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed, "Election returns of County, for Representative in the Congress of the United States;" and the other shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court.

And Whereas, A. M. Bennet Esqr has resigned the office of District Attorney of the Seventh Judicial District, to take effect from and after the first day of

August next, I do hereby further order and direct that the Chief Justices of the several Counties, comprising the said District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened, as aforesaid, at the several precincts of their respective Counties for the election of said Officers, and cause due returns to be made.

And, Whereas, the Legislature, at its late extra Session, did, under the requirements of the Constitution, and according to the Census of the year 1851, apportion the Senators and Representatives of the several Districts and Counties in this State:

Therefore, I do hereby further order and direct, that the Chief Justices of the several Counties (and in case of vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) give due notice and cause polls to be opened, as aforesaid, at the several precincts of their respective Counties for the election of Senators and Representatives in the next State Legislature, as follows, to wit:

Senators.

No. 1. Red River and Bowie will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Red River County.

No. 2. Lamar and Hopkins will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Lamar County.

No. 3. Fannin and Hunt will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Fannin County.

No. 4. Collin, Grayson, Denton, Kaufman and Cook will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Collin County.

No. 5. Dallas, Tarrant and Ellis will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Dallas County.

No. 6. Upshur and Wood will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Upshur County.

No. 7. Cass and Titus will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Cass County.

No. 8. Harrison will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Harrison County.

No 9. Rusk will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Rusk County.

No 10. Smith and VanZandt will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Smith County.

No 11. Cherokee will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Cherokee County.

No 12. Anderson and Houston will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Anderson County

No 13. Nacogdoches and Angelina will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Nacogdoches County.

No 14. Shelby and Panola will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Shelby County.

No 15. San Augustine, Newton, Jasper and Sabine will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of San Augustine County.

No 16. Jefferson, Liberty, Polk, Trinity, Orange and Tyler will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Liberty County:

No 17. Galveston will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Galveston County.

No 18. Harris will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Harris County.

No 19. Montgomery, Walker, Madison and Grimes will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Grimes County.

No 20. Washington will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Washington County.

No 21. Leon, Robertson, Brazos and Burleson will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Robertson County.

No 22. Falestine, Limestone, Navarro and Henderson will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Navarro County.

No 23. McLennan, Falls, Bell, Williamson and Milam will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Bell County.

No 24. Matagorda, Wharton, Brazoria and Fort Bend will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Brazoria County.

No 25. Bastrop, Travis and Bunnet will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Travis County.

No 26. Calhoun, Victoria, Jackson, Goliad, Dewitt and Lavaca will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Guadalupe County.

No 27. Gonzales, Guadalupe, Caldwell, Hays and Comal will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Guadalupe County.

No 28. Cameron and Hidalgo will elect one Senator and make returns to the Chief Justice of Cameron County.

No 29. Starr, Webb, Nueces, San Patricio, Refugio and Kinney will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Nueces County.

No 30. Bexar will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Bexar County.

No 31. Gillespie, Bexar, Medina and Uvalde will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Bexar County.

No 32. Fayette, Colorado and Austin will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Colorado County.

No 33. El Paso and Presidio will elect one Senator, and make returns to the Chief Justice of El Paso County.

Representatives.

No 1. Bowie will elect one Representative.

No 2. Red River will elect one Representative.

No 3. Lamar will elect one Representative.

No 4. Fannin will elect one Representative

No 5. Grayson will elect one Representative.

No 6. Collin will elect one Representative.

No 7. Denton, Collin and Cooke will elect one Representative, and make returns to the Chief Justice of Denton County.

No 8. Dallas will elect one Representative.

No 9. Hunt will elect one Representative.

No 10. Hopkins will elect one Representative.

No 11. Hopkins, Franklin and Rockwall will elect one Representative and make returns to the Chief Justice of Hopkins County.

No 12. Giles will elect one Representative.
No 13. Cass will elect one Representative.
No 14. Cass and Giles will elect one Representative, and made returns to the Clerk Circuit Court of Cass County.
No 15. Harrison will elect three Representatives.
No 16. Johnson will elect one Representative.
No 17. Sevier will elect two Representatives.
No 18. Hood and Blair Ward will elect one Representative, and made returns to the Clerk Circuit Court of Hood County.
No 19. Henderson and Henderson will elect one Representative, and made returns to the Clerk Circuit Court of Henderson County.
No 20. Anderson will elect two Representatives.
No 21. Cherokee will elect three Representatives
No 22. Rusk will elect four Representatives.
No 23. Panola will elect one Representative.
No 24. Shelby will elect one Representative.
No 25. Shelby, Panola and San Augustine will elect one Representative, and made returns to the Clerk Circuit Court of Shelby County.
No 26. San Augustine will elect one Representative
No 27. Nacogdoches will elect two Representatives.
No 28. Houston will elect one Representative.
No 29. Polk and Tyler will elect one Representative, and made returns to the Clerk Circuit Court of Polk County.
No 30. Sabine, Jasper and Newton will elect two Representatives, and made returns to the Clerk Circuit Court of Sabine County.
No 31. Angelina and Cherokee will elect one Representative, and made returns to the Clerk Circuit Court of Angelina County.
No 32. Jefferson and Orange will elect one Representative, and made returns to the Clerk Circuit Court of Jefferson County.
No 33 Liberty will elect one Representative.
No 34. Taylor will elect one Representative.
No 35. Galveston will elect two Representatives.
No 36. Harris will elect two Representatives.
No 37. Montgomery will elect one Representative
No 38. Walker will elect one Representative.
No 39. Grimes will elect one Representative
No 40. Walker, Madison and Grimes will elect

one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Greenes County

No 41. Town entitled elect one Representative

No 42. Freestone, Limestone and Hills entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Sections of Limestone County.

No 43. Navarro entitled elect one Representative.

No 44. Ellis and Navarro entitled elect one Representative and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Ellis County.

No 45. Bell and McLennan entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Bell County.

No 46. Robertson and Milam entitled elect one Representative and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Milam County.

No 47. Burleson and Brazos entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Burleson County.

No 48. Williamson and Bennet entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Williamson County.

No 49. Washington entitled elect two Representatives.

No 50. Austin entitled elect one Representative.

No 51. Fort Bend and Austin entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Fort Bend County.

No 52. Brazoria entitled elect one Representative.

No 53. Matagorda and Chambers entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Matagorda County.

No 54. Colorado entitled elect one Representative.

No 55. Fayette entitled elect one Representative.

No 56. Bastrop entitled elect one Representative.

No 57. Travis entitled elect one Representative.

No 58. Fayette, Bastrop and Travis entitled elect one Representative and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Bastrop Co.

No 59. Wilson and Caldwell entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Wilson County.

No 60. Victoria and Goliad entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Victoria County.

No 61. Lavaca and De Witt entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Lavaca County.

No 62. Gonzales entitled elect one Representative.

No 63. Guadalupe entitled elect one Representative.

No 64. Caldwell and Hays entitled elect one Representative, and seventh relevant to the Choctaw Section of Caldwell County.

No 65. Bexar, San Patricio and Nueces entitled elect one

Representatives, and made returns to the Chief Justice of [redacted] County.

No 66. Wells sent elected one Representative.

No 67. Aiken sent elected one Representative.

No 68. Caldwell sent elected one Representative.

No 69. Callahan and Mc'Lelland sent elected one Representative, and made returns to the Chief Justice of Bexar Co.

No 70. Bexar sent elected three Representatives.

No 71. Bexar, Medina, Gillespie, Uvalde, Blanco and Comal sent elected one Representative, and made returns to the Chief Justice of Bexar County.

No 72. Comal and Gillespie sent elected one Representative and made returns to the Chief Justice of Bexar County.

No 73. El Paso and Presidio sent elected one Representative and made returns to the Chief Justice of El Paso County.

The Chief Justices of the said several Senatorial and Representative Districts, to whom the returns are to be made (and in case of vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) are required to issue to the Senators and Representatives elect, of their respective Districts, the proper certificate of election, and cause returns thereof, according to law, to the Secretary of State as aforesaid "Elections Returns for Senators and Representatives" &c testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 15th day of May A.D. 1833, and of the Independence of Texas the eighth year.

By the Governor
Wm. H. Linn
Secty of State

P. H. Bell

The South Western Senatorial, Texas Representative and Nacogdoches Representative Districts are required to issue the foregoing Proclamation each, their respectively.

☞ S.W. Senatorial paid for 10 Certificates & Order of Gov. Bell.

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, A Vacancy has occurred in the office of District Attorney for the Twenty-first Judicial District of this State, composed of the Counties of Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson, which vacancy will take effect from and after the thirty-first day of July next.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, P. Hamilton Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that the Twenty-first Judicial District Court of Caldwell County, the County Seat of which Court is now located at Lockhart, Caldwell County, Texas, be opened on the first Monday in September next, for the election of a District Attorney to fill the vacancy which will then have occurred by the resignation aforesaid.

And the Clerks of the several Counties aforesaid will forthwith issue the requisite notices of the election herein ordered in their respective Counties for the election of a District Attorney as aforesaid, Immediately sealed up, one of which notices must be transmitted by them, to the Head of Precinct in each County to the Secretary of State, as required. The Election returns of said County for District Attorney of the Twenty-first Judicial District and the votes respectively in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.

The Sheriffs of said Counties are hereby ordered to give due notice and cause the General Seal of the State to be affixed. Witness my hand at Austin, this the 30th day of May, A.D. 1879. By the Independence of the United States the 103d year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Wm. H. Parker

Secy of State

State of Texas.

Whereas, at the Spring term A D 1853 of the District Court holden in and for the County of DeWitt, in the State aforesaid, Andrew J. Stations was prosecuted upon an indictment for illegally whipping a Negro man slave named Andrew, the property of D^r^ Robert Peebles, and upon the trial thereof was found guilty, and sentenced to pay a fine of two hundred dollars and Costs:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, P Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority invested by law, and in compliance with the petition of many respectable citizens of the County aforesaid, as well as for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby remit the said fine of two hundred dollars, and direct that the said Andrew J Stations be discharged from all further liability for and on account of the same. And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of DeWitt is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court, as will give due effect to this remission of said fine.

This act of Executive clemency is not to be so construed as to release the said Andrew J Stations from the payment of all such costs and charges which may have accrued, and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including the fee due to the District Attorney.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 31st day of May A D 1853, of the Independence of the U. States the 77th and of Texas the 18th year.

L. S.

P H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

Proclamation

By the Gov. of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that one Stephen A. George, late of the County of Burleson in the State aforesaid, did, on the 16th day of July AD 1853, commit a murder upon the body of a negro woman belonging to Wm. J. Albright of the County aforesaid, and that the said Steph A. George, is now a fugitive from Justice;

Therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Gov. of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of three hundred dollars, for the apprehension and delivery of the said Stephen A. George, into the Custody of the Sheriff of Burleson County, to the end that he may be dealt with according to Law

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, Done at Austin City this the 22d day of July, A.D. 1853., of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th Year,

Seal

By the Governor
Wm. H. Duval
Sec of State

Ordered to indentions in the Ledger, Standard & Queen Valley.

N. B. The said George, is about 18 x 19 years of age, of low Stature & thick set, Heavy his forehead — is inclined to freckle, or rather has tan spots on his face, a very bad Countenance, black hair, Rode off an iron grey Spanish horse, and when he left had on a Panama hat, with the brim turned down, and a brown gown or hunting shirt made of yellow stuff.

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Proclamation
By the Gov. of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that one Solomon Bryan, late of the County of Galveston, in the State aforesaid, did, on the 23d day of May 1853, commit murder upon the body of Levi Parr and Mary Parr of said County, and that the said Solomon Bryan is now a fugitive from Justice,

Therefore, be it made known, that I P Hansborough Bell, Gov. of the State of Texas by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby offer a reward of four Hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Solomon Bryan into the custody of the Sheriff of Galveston County, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the State to be affixed, done at the City of Austin, this the 22d day of Aug. AD 1853. of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year,

L. S.

By the Gov
Wm. H. Rural
Sec'y State

N.B.

The said Bryan is about 6 feet high and stout made, weighs about 180 lbs is about 30 years of age; has dark, long, and curly, heavy locks, a full face, dark complexion, black whiskers,

N.B. The above ordered to have 4 insertions in the "News", Tri. American, Ledger & Northern Standard.

Proclamation
By the Gov of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that one John C. Griffey, late of the County of Colorado, in this State aforesaid, on the 30th day of July 1853. committed a murder upon the body of David H. Rhine, of said County, and that the said Jno. C. Griffey is now a fugitive from justice.

Therefore, be it made known, that I P. Hansborough Bell, Gov of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of Three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said J.C. Griffey into Custody of the Sheriff of Colorado County, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 22d day of Aug A.D. 1853. of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year,

By the Gov
Jno. H. Brown
Sec'y of State.

L.S.

N.B. The said Griffey is about 25 years of age. — is slender built, and is about 6 feet 2 inches high, Black hair and beard, dark eyes,

The above ordered to be inserted 4 times in News & Ledger.

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Spring Term A.D. 1833 of the District Court of Guadalupe County, in said State, a Judgment was rendered for Seven Hundred and fifty dollars, besides costs, against Francis Smith and Joseph K. Johnson, as the securities on a bond given for the appearance at said Court of one William Mabb, who had been thereto indicted for an Assault with intent to commit murder, and which said bond was forfeited, and Judgment rendered thereon as aforesaid against the said Francis Smith and Joseph K. Johnson.

Now therefore, be it Known, that I. P. Hamphrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me made Known, do hereby remit the said forfeiture of Seven Hundred and fifty dollars imposed by the Judgment of the Court on the said Francis Smith and Joseph K. Johnson; And upon the payment of all costs attending said Judgment, including the fee due the District Attorney, who represented the State, I do hereby authorize and require that the said Francis Smith and Joseph K. Johnson be discharged from all further liability for and on account of said Judgment. And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Guadalupe is hereby directed and required to make such entries on the records of said Court (upon the payment of the costs as aforesaid) as will give full effect to this remission of said Judgment or forfeiture.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 14th day of September A.D. 1833, of the Independence of the United States the 58th and of Texas the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Thos. H. Hunnicutt Secy of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been represented and made Known to me, that at the Fall Term A.D. 1857 of the District Court holden in and for the County of Bexar, in said State, Robert Sumner was convicted of the crime of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary

Now, therefore, be it Known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and in compliance with the petitions of a large number of citizens of said State as well as for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Robert Sumner and do order and direct that he, the said Robert Sumner be discharged from the Penitentiary aforesaid, or wheresoever he may be confined under and by virtue of the judgment and sentence aforesaid.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Bexar is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon; and the officers of said Penitentiary, or any other officer who may have the charge and custody of the said Robert Sumner, under said judgment and sentence, is hereby directed to discharge him from all further custody and confinement, and for so doing this shall be his or their sufficient warrant.

This act of Executive clemency is not to be so construed as to release the said Robert Sumner from the payment of all such costs and charges, which may have accrued, and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including the fee of the District Attorney.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 22nd day of September A.D. 1858 and of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th

By the Governor

P. H. Bell.

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The State of Texas

Whereas, at the present term of the District Court holden in and for the County of Travis, in said State, One John B. Rein was prosecuted upon an indictment for selling liquor to a Slave, and upon the trial thereof was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of twenty dollars and costs of prosecution:

Now, therefore, be it Known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me made Known, do hereby remit the said fine of twenty dollars, and direct that the said John B. Rein be discharged from all further liability for and on account of said Offence, provided he first pay all costs attending his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including such fee as may be legally due the District Attorney. And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Travis, is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court (on payment of the costs and Attorney's fee as aforesaid) as will give due effect to this remission of said fine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 29th day of September A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me that at the Spring term A.D. 1850 of the District Court holden in and for the County of Cherokee in said State, one A.E. Livingston was convicted of the crime of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to ten years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the petition of a large number of citizens of said County of Cherokee, as well as for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said A.E. Livingston, and do order and direct that he, the said Livingston be discharged from all further confinement in the Penitentiary aforesaid under and by virtue of said judgment and sentence.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Cherokee, is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court, as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon: And the officers of said Penitentiary, having the charge and custody of the said A.E. Livingston under said sentence, are hereby directed to discharge him from all further custody and confinement, and for so doing this shall be their sufficient warrant.

This act of Executive clemency is not to be so construed, as to release the said A.E. Livingston from the payment of all such costs and charges, which may have accrued, and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and conviction aforesaid, including the fee due the District Attorney.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed — Done at the City of Austin this 17th day of October A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

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The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that on the 10th day of July A.D. 1852, a judgement was rendered against Richard P. Jones of Brazoria County, in said State, by George Slanger, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, imposing a fine of one hundred dollars for the alledged misdemeanor of shooting a horse, the propriety of one C Stringfellow:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me made known, do hereby remit the said fine of One hundred dollars imposed as aforesaid upon the said Richard P. Jones, and discharge him from all further liability for and on account of said judgement.

And the said George Slanger, or his successor in office, is hereby authorized and directed to make such entries upon the minutes or records of said Justice's Court, as will give full effect to this remission of said fine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the State. Done at the City of Austin this the 17th day of October A.D. 1853, of the Independence of the U. States the 78th and of Texas the 28th year.

L. S.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Tho. H. Duval

Sec'y of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Spring Term A.D. 1853 of the District Court holden in and for the County of Milam, in said State, a judgment was rendered for eight hundred dollars, besides Costs, against John R. McCall, Blake H. Thompson, James S. Gillett and N. J. Harvey, as the securities on a bond given for the appearance at said Court of one S. H. Harvey, who had been therein indicted for the offence of grand larceny, and which said bond was forfeited, and judgment rendered thereon as aforesaid against the said McCall, Thompson, Gillett and Harvey:

Now, Therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me made known, do hereby remit the said forfeiture of eight hundred dollars imposed by the judgment of the Court on the said John R. McCall, Blake H. Thompson, James S. Gillett and Harvey; and upon the payment of all Costs attending said judgment, including the fees due the District Attorney who represented the State, I do hereby authorize and require that the said John R. McCall, Blake H. Thompson, James S. Gillett and N. J. Harvey be discharged from all further liability for and on account of said judgment.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Milam is hereby directed and required to make such entries on the records of said Court (upon the payment of the Costs as aforesaid) as will give full effect to this remission of said judgment or forfeiture.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed — Done at the City of Austin this the 17th day of October A.D. 1853, of the independence of the U. States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

L. S.

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval
Secy of State

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Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that Riley Pierce, Stephen D. Ruff, Albert Pierce and David Pierce were indicted by the Grand Jury of Rusk County, in said State, at the Spring term of the District Court A.D. 1853, for the murder of one Adam H. Pitner, and that Joseph Pierce was also indicted for being accessary thereto, and that all of said parties, so indicted as aforesaid, are now fugitives from justice:

Therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority invested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of four hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Riley Pierce, Stephen D Ruff, Albert Pierce and David Pierce, or either of them, into the custody of the Sheriff of said County of Rusk, to the end that they may be dealt with according to law — Also, a reward of One hundred Dollars for the like apprehension and delivery of the said Joseph Pierce.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed.

L. S.

Done at the City of Austin this 17th day of October A.D. 1853, of the independence of the U. States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

N.B. Riley Pierce is about 25 years of age, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high - slim but well made, blue eyes, black hair, dark skin, good looking, quick spoken, and of a boasting disposition.

Albert Pierce is about 20 years of age - 5 feet 7 inches high - blue eyes, black hair, slender form, dark skin and heavy countenance.

David Pierce Jr. is about 19 years of age, dark complexion, hair dark brown, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, slender form, sharp face, disagreeable countenance.

Stephen D. Ruff is about 30 years of age, 6 feet high, heavy set, stout made, inclined to be fat, dark complexion, heavy beard, round full face, grey eyes black hair.

Joseph Pierce is about 45 years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches high, thick & heavy built, large bushy head, curly hair, hair and beard gray, high full forehead, heavy eye brows, pigeon toed, countenance heavy, downward and forbidding.

Proclamation for Riley Pierce & Accomplices for Murder of Adam H. Pitner

State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to the Court at the present Fall Term A.D. 1853, of the District Court holden in and for the County of La Baca, in said State, Isaac M. Veach was convicted of the crime of making an assault upon one James Carey, with intent to commit manslaughter, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the State Penitentiary:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the petition of a large number of citizens of said County of La Baca, as well as for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said Isaac M. Veach, and do order and direct that he, the said Isaac M. Veach, be discharged from the Penitentiary aforesaid, or wherever else he may be confined under and by virtue of the judgement and sentence aforesaid; And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of La Baca is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this pardon; And the officers of said Penitentiary, or any other officer who may have the charge and custody of the said Isaac M. Veach, under said judgment and sentence, is hereby directed to discharge him from all further custody and confinement, and for so doing this shall be his or their sufficient warrant. This act of Executive clemency is not to be so construed as to release the said Isaac M. Veach from the payment of all such costs and charges which may have accrued and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid; including the fee due the District Attorney.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 15th day of October A.D. 1853, and of the Independence of Texas the 18th year.

L.S.

By the Governor

P. H. Bell.

Thos. H. Duval
Asst. Sec. of State

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State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall Term A.D. 1853, of the District Court holden in and for the County of Montgomery, in said State, One James Smith was prosecuted upon an indictment for larceny, and upon the trial thereof was convicted and sentenced to One years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary:

Now, therefore, be it Known, that I, P. Hansborough Bell Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby grant a full pardon to the said James Smith, and direct that he be discharged from all further confinement under the sentence aforesaid, provided he first pay all costs attending his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including such fee as may be legally due and owing the District Attorney. And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Montgomery is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court (on payment of the costs and Attorney's fee as aforesaid) as will give due effect to this pardon: And the officers of said Penitentiary, or any other officer who may have the charge and custody of said James Smith, is hereby directed to discharge him from all further custody, and for so doing this shall be his or their sufficient warrant.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 21st day of October A.D. 1853 and of the Independence of Texas the 18th year.

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duval
Secy of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the fall term A.D. 1892 of the District Court holden in and for the County of Bexar, in said State, one F. Unrescheid was fined in the sum of thirty dollars, besides costs, for failing to attend said Court as a juror:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, S. P. Hansbrough, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me made known, do hereby remit the said fine of thirty dollars, and discharge the F. Unrescheid from all liability on account of the same. Provided, he first pay all the costs attending the prosecution of the Court imposing said fine, including any fee that may be legally due the District Attorney. And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Bexar is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court (on payment of the costs and attorney's fee as aforesaid) as will give due effect to this remission of said fine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 21st day of October A.D. 1893, and of the Independence of Texas, the 18th year.

L. S.

S. P. Hogg

By the Governor
Thos. H. Lemmel
Secy of State

Election Returns

Official

Be it Known, that on this the 30th day of September 1853, the returns, so far as received, of the election in this State, on the 1st day of August last, for Commissioner of the General Land Office, for and against the proposed Amendment of the Constitution for and against the Bill making appropriations for the improvement of the River of Texas and for Representation in the Congress of the United States, were opened according to law, and the following is the result thereof.

Counties	Comm. G.L. Office		For River Bill	Against River Bill
	Boards	Scattering		
Anderson	655	"	377	257
Angelina				
Austin	374	"	61	230
Bastrop	517	"	35	118
Bell	224	"	9	182
Bexar	1708	"	10	1661
Bowie	172	"	129	30
Brazoria	310	"	181	42
Brazos			7	49
Brazos	232	"	32	226
Burnet	109	"	6	87
Caldwell	393	"	39	356
Calhoun	219	"	91	79
Cameron				
Cass	515	"	238	111
Cherokee	1296	"	83	1100

Counties	Comm'r G. L. Office			
	Land Scrip	Certificates	For River Claim	Against River Claim
Collin	442	"	16	283
Colorado	281	"	179	27
Comal	230	"	2	241
Cooke	59	"	"	53
Dallas	172	"	261	183
Denton	85	"	3	89
De Witt	213	"	25	175
Ellis	199	"	"	14
El Paso	814	"	"	814
Falls			-	53
Fannin	502	"	1	574
Fayette	680	"	300	310
Fort Bend	171	"	102	58
Freestone	258	"		
Galveston	462	"	455	33
Gillespie	164	"	1	162
Goliad	120	8	83	40
Gonzales	332	"	7	167
Grayson	367	"	2	390
Grimes	393	"	30	390
Guadalupe	192	"	3	218
Harris	446	"	166	370
Harrison	842	"	71	377
Hays	71	"	2	81
Henderson	223	"	14	233
Hidalgo				
Hill	44	"	2	82
Hopkins	325	"	10	457
Houston	402	"	131	171
Howard	275	"	27	317
Jackson	90	"	74	38
Jasper	126	"	179	7

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Counties	Comm. S. S. Office			
	S. Sunday	Sabbath	for Native Bible	Spanish Testament
Jefferson	96	"	105	2
Kaufman	240	"	35	174
Lamar	432	"	21	494
La Vaca	285	"	13	235
Leon	379	"	25	357
Liberty	231	"	181	57
Limestone	156	"	12	219
Madison				
Matagorda	159	"	166	1
M Lennan	182	"		
Medina	164	"		158
Milam			75	63
Montgomery	232	"	24	238
Nacogdoches	653	"	93	428
Navarro	321	"	64	137
Newton	107	"	153	"
Nueces	102	"	158	"
Orange	93	"	95	"
Panola	411	"	29	252
Polk	275	"	110	168
Red River	438	"		
Refugio	88	"	90	24
Robertson	122	"	7	134
Rusk	1492	"	88	1283
Sabine	75	"	124	14
San Augustine	41	"	168	25
San Patricio	39	"	32	"
Shelby	85	"	102	132
Smith	279	"	30	831
Starr	442	"	7	152
Tarrant	169	"	23	144
Titus	410	"	107	181

Comm. G. L. Office

Counties	Counties	Counties	For Rivers Bible	Against Rivers Bible
Travis	742	"	189	384
Trinity	44	"	36	6
Tyler	174	"		
Upshur	370	"	28	528
Van Zandt	144	"	1	168
Victoria	207	"	134	56
Walker	377	"	99	325
Washington	573	"	223	376
Webb	186	"	"	179
Wharton	98	"	111	2
Williamson	356	"	1	363
Wood	172	"	9	134

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First Congressional District

Counties.	Geo. W. Logan	B. F. Simpson	C. C. Mills	
Anderson	153			
Angelina				
Burnet	172			
Cass	505			
Chinquee	1288			
Collin	442			
Cooke	58			
Dallas	464			
Denton	81			
Fannin	517			
Grayson	378			
Harrison	751			
Henderson	226			
Hopkins	409		21	
Houston	408			
Hunt	318			
Jasper	192			
Jefferson	112			
Kaufman	246			
Lamar	497			
Liberty	265			
Nacogdoches	701			
Navarro	166			
Orange	98			
Panola	502			
Polk	304			
Red River	272		147	
Rusk	1557			
Sabine	190			
San Augustine	310			
Shelby	461			
Smith	769			
Titus	422			

Counties	Geo. W. Chilcott	B. H. Espinosa	G. G. Mills
Jackson	43	"	"
Jefferson	281	"	"
Kaufman	622	"	"
Kendall	188	"	"
Knox	163	"	"
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Second Congressional District

Counties	P. H. Bell	W. R. Lowry	G. L. Lewis	D. G. Chapman	Th. M. Black	L. M. Sanchez
Austin	280	76	11	35	17	
Bastrop	171	146	68	138	5	
Bell	153	67	22	48	5	
Bexar	732	18	864	118	8	
Brazoria	128	66	69	55	37	
Brazos	49	35	1	2	8	
Burleson	57	133	93	35	2	
Burnet	84	17	4	17	2	
Caldwell	184	31	38	86	108	
Calhoun	124	21	46	51	"	
Cameron						
Colorado	101	46	50	51	41	
Comal	207	16	5	4	1	
De Witt	138	15	38	38	8	
Ellis	31	90	15	44	32	16
El Paso	814	"	"	"	"	"

Counties	J. P. Wilbarger	Wm. R. Scurry	G. T. Lewis	H. F. Garrathers	Wm. M. Ballew
Falls	16	37	21	15	16
Fayette	300	37	110	139	88
Fort Bend	65	41	45	39	14
Freestone	90	64	75	71	42
Galveston	108	238	34	103	43
Gillespie	155	7	1	"	1
Goliad	87	21	33	12	1
Gonzales	264	33	48	68	40
Grayson	33	283	30	104	36
Guadalupe	228	6	45	79	32
Hays	25	18	1	22	35
Harris	322	172	107	129	29
Hidalgo					
Hill	30	22	8	1	25
Jackson	30	35	2	29	"
Lavaca	197	10	17	43	20
Leon	21	42	30	17	312
Limestone	9	103	80	26	23
Madison					
Matagorda	101	33	27	9	1
Navarro	37	142	38	78	127
Nueces	136	"	57	8	"
Refugio	73	14	7	1	"
Robertson	29	55	13	41	66
San Patricio	32	5	40	"	1
Starr	231	134	84	5	"
Sanauch	55	110	4	12	37
Travis	495	86	87	71	51
Victoria	102	15	59	35	13
Walker	80	152	56	101	31
Washington	349	313	39	171	8
Webb	53	133	"	"	"
Wharton	47	10	41	2	4
Williamson	197	95	15	80	2

Counties	Phipps	Wm. A. Henry	A. K. Lewis	W. F. Garrett	Thos. M. Peake	
* McLemore	74	32	8	30	41	
Medina	158	"	1	2	"	
Milam						
Montgomery	34	82	87	100	7	
	7.506	3.391	2.691	2.364	1405	16
* Cameron	[illegible]4	424	140	1	"	"
* Medina	2	56	138	"	"	"
* Milam	58	41	85	37	22	
	7.750	3.912	3052	2402	1427	16

* Unofficial

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Exhibit of the vote for and against the proposed Amendment of the Constitution, Sept. 1st 1883

Counties	For	Against	Neutral
Anderson	295	27	496
Angelina			
Austin	156	125	
Bastrop	328	134	59
Bell	33	24	
Bexar	1584	83	
Bowie	29	16	128
Brazoria	145	6	
Brazos	26	26	
Bralson	82	137	
Brunch	11	82	31
Caldwell	172	135	
Calhoun	182	52	18
Cameron			
Cass	110	132	332
Chambers	481	666	
Collin	432	74	
Colorado	146	58	
Comal	213	21	
Cooke	5	49	
Dallas	198	71	319
Denton	25	74	
De Witt	101	79	48
Ellis			
El Paso	287		523
Falls	46	27	
Fannin	342	169	
Fayette	368	262	66
Fort Bend	152	29	
Freestone			
Galveston	394	80	50
Gillespie	127	36	3
Goliad	62	62	
Gonzales	67	29	303
Grayson	278	29	64

Counties	For	Against	Neutral
Grimes	240	149	32
Guadalupe	106	38	257
Harris	392	132	171
Harrison	367	188	332
Hays	18	45	
Henderson	16	91	101
Hidalgo			
Hill	51	11	
Hopkins	191	174	198
Houston	147	72	
Hunt	76	252	9
Jackson	59	44	20
Jasper	57	37	
Jefferson	30	1	78
Kaufman	60	62	7
Lamar	126	350	
Lavaca	81	174	16
Leon	249	95	
Liberty	76	10	207
Limestone	138	72	46
Madison			
Matagorda	139	144	11
McLennan			
Medina	163	5	
Milam	27	31	179
Montgomery	138	107	
Nacogdoches	305	156	310
Navarro	161	63	192
Newton	99	19	78
Nueces	147	2	36
Orange			
Panola	136	113	
Polk	145	121	
Red River			
Refugio	67	53	
Robertson	16	108	
Rusk	527	481	693
Sabine	69	19	
San Augustine	68	4	

Counties	For.	Against	Neutral
San Patricio	23	23	27
Shelby	119	7	379
Smith	52	114	723
Starr	175	88	192
Tarrant	213	65	
Titus	141	103	
Travis	353	228	138
Trinity	53	17	2
Tyler			
Upshur	281	254	
Van Zandt	20	135	34
Victoria	105	69	
Walker	272	138	59
Washington	327	315	273
Webb	175	2	12
Wharton	56	3	57
Williamson	121	65	
Wood	58	87	
	13.940	7.944	2.362

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, it has been made known to me that one William I Barry. late of the County of Rusk, in the State aforesaid, did on or about the 20th day of November last, Commit a murder upon the body of James B Reid, of said County, and that the said William I Barry is now a fugitive from justice

[redacted]

Therefore; be it known that I. P Hansbrough Bell Governor of said State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of the same, do hereby offer a reward of Three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said William I Barry into the custody of the Sheriff of said County of Rusk to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set My hand, and Caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 9th day of November A D 1853 of the Independance of the U States the 78th and of Texas the 18th Year

P. H. Bell

By the Governor

Thos. H. Duval

Secy of State

N. B. The above Proclamation ordered to be published 4 Times, in the South Western American and Cherokee Sentinel.

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas it has been made known to me that Eli Howard and Monroe Howard, late of the County of Bell in said State, stand charged with the crime of Murder Committed upon the body of William Duncan, of said County, and that the said Eli and Monroe Howard, are now fugitives from justice

Therefore, be it known, that I. P. Henderson Bell, Governor of the State aforesaid, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of the Same do hereby offer a reward of Three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Eli and Munroe Howard or either of them into the custody of the Sheriff of Bell County aforesaid, to the end that they may be dealt with according to law

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand And Caused the great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at the city of Austin this 6th day of November A.D 1853 of the Independence of the U States the 78th And of Texas the 18th year

P H Bell

N B

The said Eli Howard is about 28 years of age Common height, Slender built, has light hair, blue eyes, and rather a downcast look

Munroe Howard is about 26 years old, rather Stout-made, has dark hair, blue eyes, and a bold expression of Countenance.

N.B. The above ordered to be published 4 times in S W. American.

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, by the death of the Hon: U. S. Sutherland a vacancy has occurred in the 69th Representative District Composed of the Counties of Cameron and Hidalgo.
Therefore it is ordered and directed that the Chief Justices of of the above mentioned ~~Counties~~, give due and legal notice of not less than five days for an election to be held at the Several precincts of their respectives Counties for a Rep-resentative to fill the vacancy aforesaid, due returns of which will be made to the Chief Justice of Cameron County And I do further order and direct that the Chief Justice of Cameron County, give to the Representative elect of said District the proper certificate of election, and make due returns of said election, according to law, to the Secretary of State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed Done at the City of Austin this the 10th day of November A D 1853

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duval
Secretary of State

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P. Hansbrough Bell
Governo of the State of Texas

To His excellency the Governor of the State of South Carolina _____ Greeting

Whereas, by two indictments found by the Grand jury of the County of Galveston, in said State in the year 1845- Copies of which are hereunto annexed, and duly certified to be authentic, One John Shultz stands charged with having committed the Crime of Murder in said County of Galveston upon the bodies of Mathew Sett and Simeon Bateman; and whereas it appears that said John Shultz alias Henry Shultz alias Lesse Hamilton Shultz is a fugitive from justice, and is now to be found in the State of South Carolina, where he has taken refuge:
Now therefore by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the United States of the 12th February 1793. I have to demand that your Excellency will cause the said John Shultz alias Henry Shultz alias Lesse Hamilton Shultz, to be arrested, secured and delivered up to Powell. B. Edwards Esqr the bearer of these presents who is authorized to receive said fugitive and Conduct him to the State of Texas, to the end that he may be dealt with according to Law.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the Eighth day of October A.D 1853 of the independence of the U States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year

By the Governor
Tho H Duval
Secty of State

P. H. Bell

State Department
Austin Oct 9th 1853

Powell. B. Edwards Esqr
Galveston
Texas

Dear Sir By the last mail I received a letter from S. H. Mann Esqr enclosing certified copies of two indictments found by the Grand jury of Galveston County

in 1845 against John Shults for the Murder of Bateman and Self. Mr Moore stated that you would be able to identify Shults, and that you were willing to go on as agent of the State of Texas to Fallsborough in South Carolina, where said Shults is now in confinement and bring him back to Galveston for trial, provided the necessary means were furnished you. The Governor desires me to say to you that he has no public funds at his disposal, out of which he can make you any payment in advance. If you will find the means, however to defray your expenses, he authorizes me to offer you four hundred dollars, which will be paid on your return with the Criminal. To enable him to draw this amount from the Treasury you will as soon as you get back, deliver the Criminal to the Sheriff of Galveston County and take his receipt for the body of such Criminal. This receipt you will please have duly authenticated before some Notary Public, and enclose the same to the Governor or myself, accompanied by a Power of Attorney authorizing the drawing of the money from the Treasury — The amount Shall then be promptly obtained and forwarded to you. This is the best arrangement the Governor can make under present Circumstances, and he hopes it may be satisfactory to you. The Murders committed by Shults were of such an atrocious and cold blooded character, that he feels a deep interest in having the felon brought to justice as doubtless every good man would in this State when informed of the circumstances. Should, Should the Shults now under arrest at Fallsborough, turn out not to be the right man (which I feel very sure will not be the case) the Governor requests me to assure you that he will use his best efforts to have you compensated by the Legislature for your expenses, loss of time &c

Should you be unwilling to go, which I hope will not be the case, please send back the enclosed papers without delay

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm. H. Sumrall
Secy of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the fall term, 1853 of the District Court holden in and for the County of Hays in said State, one Caton Erhard was prezented upon an indictment for unlawfully issuing a marriage licence for the marriage of Henry Dillard and Frances. N. Hall and upon the trial thereof was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of five hundred dollars and costs:

Now therefore, be it known that I P Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State and for satisfactory reasons to me made known, do hereby remit the sale fine five hundred dollars, and direct that the said Caton Erhard be discharged from all further liability for and on account of said offence, provided he first pay all costs attending his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including such fee as may be due the District Attorney.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Hays is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court (on payment of the Costs and Attorney's fee as aforesaid) as will give due effect to the remission of said fine

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 12th day of November A.D 1853 of the Independence of the U States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Tho. H Duval
Secty of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been certified to me according to law there is no Competent Court for the trial and adjudication of the Case No 147 Styled "Lee Vs Wharton and others now pending before the Supreme Court of this State, at the City of Austin in Consequence of the Hon. John Hemphill and Abner S. Lipscomb having been of Counsel therein:

Now, therefore, to the end that a trial and determination of said Cause may be had, I J Hamborough Bell Governor of the State of Texas by virtue of the power in me vested, by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby appoint and commission Robert Hughes Esq: a gentleman learned in the law, as a special associate Justice, to Sit in the said cause, and to try and determine the Same.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at the City of Austin this the 17th day of November A.D. 1853 of the Independence of the U. States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year

J H Bell

By the Governor
Thomas H Duval
Secty of State

N.B. A like Commission was also issued to William, E, Jones Esquire

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Pardon
State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall term of the District Court 1852 holden in and for the County of Williamson in said State, Masellon Farley was prosecuted upon an Indictment for rape, and upon the trial thereof was convicted and sentenced to Eight years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary:

Now Therefore be it known that I P Bonsbrough Bell Governor of the State of Texas by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby upon the petition of a large number of the Citizens of the Counties of Travis, Williamson, and Milam and for other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, grant a full pardon to the said Masellon Farley, and direct that he be discharged from all further confinement under the sentence aforesaid:

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Williamson is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court, as may be necessary and proper to give due effect to this pardon; and the officers of said Penitentiary having the Charge and Custody of the said Masellon Farley, under and by virtue of said sentence, are hereby directed to discharge him from all further Custody and Confinement, and for so doing this shall be their sufficient warrant.

This act of executive Clemency is not to be so Construed as to release the said Masellon Farley from the payment of all such Costs and charges as may have accrued and be legally due and owing, on account of his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid including the fee of the District Attorney

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at the city of Austin this the 17th day of November A. D. 1853 of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year

P H Bell

By the Governor
Geo. W. Duval
Secty of State

State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall term A.D. 1851 of the District Court of Nacogdoches County in said State, one Francis. M. Marshall was prosecuted upon an Indictment for an assault with intent to Kill and murder Eliza Grogard, and upon the trial thereof was Convicted and Sentenced to five years hard labour in the State Penitentiary:

Now, therefore, be it Known that I P Hansbrough Bell Governor of the State of Texas by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do for Satisfactory reasons to me appearing, hereby grant a full pardon to the said Francis M Marshall and direct that he be discharged from all further Confinement under the Sentence aforesaid:

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Nacogdoches is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said court, as may be necessary and proper to give due effect to this pardon; and the officers of said Penitentiary having the Charge and Custody of the said Francis. M. Marshall under and by virtue of said Sentence are hereby directed to discharge him from all further Custody and Confinement and for so doing this Shall be their Sufficient warrant.

This act of Executive Clemency is not to be so construed as to release the said Francis M Marshall from the payment of all such Costs and Charges as may have accrued and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and Conviction as aforesaid including the fee due the District Attorney

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed Done at the City of Austin this 21st day of November A.D. 1853 of the Independence of the U States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year

P. H. Bell

By the Governor
Thos H Duval
Secretary of State

Office of the Secretary of State
Austin Nov. 26th 1853

To His Excellency
The Governor

I have the honor to submit the following brief report of matters connected with the business of this office for the last two years.

The most important duty, perhaps devolving upon this Department, is that of superintending the printing of the Laws, and attending to their proper distribution throughout the State. To provide for a performance of the latter portion of this duty, an appropriation of two thousand dollars was made at the last regular session of the Legislature. At the termination of that session, I publicly invited proposals for the distribution of the Laws and journals Hartley's Digest, Reports of the Supreme Court, and the laws of the first and second sessions of the 31st Congress, throughout two districts of the State - One composed of the counties lying East the other West of the Brazos river. Among the offers made for the former I accepted that of A M Seay, at the price of five hundred dollars, and for the latter that of Joseph Harrell at three hundred and fifty dollars, and contracts were made with them accordingly.

These gentlemen discharged their duty to my entire satisfaction Their contracts, though undertaken at very low rates, were promptly and faithfully preformed. The Laws and Journals of the late extra session of the Legislature were distributed by mail.

In accordance with the requirements of the act of March 20th 1848, there have been forwarded to the Librarian of Congress Secretary of State of the United States, Secretary of the Treasury, and to the Executive Department of all the States and Territories, Copies of the Laws of the last regular and extra session of the Legislature Also, the requisite number of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th volumes of the Reports of Decisions of the Supreme Court. And as required by the act of the 2nd February 1850, two copies of each volume of the Reports have been transmitted for deposit in the office of the Clerks of the Districts and County Courts of their respective Counties.

I understand from the Reporter (O C Hartley Esqr) that the 8th and 9th volumes of Supreme Court Reports have been published, and that the number of Copies subscribed for by the State will be delivered in a very short time.

The Executive Proclamations, requiring a vote of the people to be on the act approved February 7th 1853, making appropriations for the improvement of the rivers, and the Joint-Resolution of same date, proposing an amendment to the Constitution, were duly published in many of the public prints of the State. According to the returnes received, and now on file in this office, the result was as follows; viz

For the River Bill	6432	
Against the Same	19.491	
Majority against it		13.059
For amendment of the Constitution	13.941	
Against the Same	7.944	
Neutral	7.369	15.313
Majority against it		1.372

Both of these measures are therefore regarded as lost. A tabular Statement of the vote is herewith enclozed.

The constitution in describing the mode in which that instrument may be amended, seems to contemplate that a majority of all those voting for Representatives, shall also vote in favour of the proposed amendments otherwise the Same would be defeated. I presume, therefore, that those who are neutral, or do not vote at all, must be counted with those who may vote directly against the amendment proposed.

In regard to the vote taken on the amendment in question, it is proper to observe that in most instances the returnes only gave the number of votes cast for and against its adoption, without showing the number of voters who were neutral, or who did not vote at all. In such cases, the proper result, or an approximation to it, has been arrived at, where sufficient data was afforded, by adding together the number of votes given directly for and against the amendment. The aggregate, Subtracted from the whole number of votes given for Representatives shows the number of neutral votes. which added to the number given directly against the amendment shows the amount of votes regarded by the Constitution as cast against the proposed measure. If it be desired the Original returnes will be laid before the Legislature.

The laws which were directed by His Excellency Gov. Bell to be translated and printed in the Spanish and German languages have been distributed to the extent deemed necessary.

It seems that the appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars made for this object, was not sufficient to defray the expenses incurred

Under contracts made with the Governor by C H Buchner of Galveston and Mr Riotte of San Antonio, the former Claims a balance of $1374 for printing 300 Copies of the Laws in German stitching and delivering the Same; while Mr. Riotte Claims a balance of $336.70 for translating the Same, Superintending their printing &c To liquidate these Claims, an additional appropriation will become necessary.

A Considerable amount will also be required to defray the expess of publishing, in the various papers ordered by the Governor, the Proclamations for the last general election held in the State, and on the adoption or rejection of the act making appropriations for the improvement of the rivers.

Propositions to amend the Constitution of our State are directed by the constitution itself, to be published in the public prints of the State The intention was, doubtless, to give them the greatest possible publicity. I presume, therefore, that every paper in the State had the right to publish, and charge for, the Proclamation of the Governor relative to the late proposed amendment I have no means of stating accurately what the charges will amount to, in the aggregate, for publishing the various Proclamations referred to and those offering rewards for the apprehension of Criminals, but from the best judgment I can form, an appropriation of five thousand dollars will not be more than sufficient to cover them.

There are many other matters of minor importance, which might be adverted to, but I deem it unnecessary to do so. The duties of this office, though complicated and important, consist, for the most part, in minute details, which would possess no interest in a Communication like this.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Thos. H. Duval
Secy of State

The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been certified to me, according to law, that there is no competent Court for the trial and adjudication of the Case No 238, Styled Cleaves vs Irungfield now pending before the Supreme Court of this State at the City of Austin in Consequence of the Hon: John Hemphill being disqualified from sitting therein, and the Hon R. T. Wheeler not being in attendance on said Court.

Now therefore, to the end that a trial and determination of said cause may be had. I, James. W. Henderson, Governor of the State of Texas by virtue of the power in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State do hereby appoint and Commission William E Jones Esquire a gentleman learned in the Law, as a Special associate Justice, to sit in the said Cause and to try and determine the Same

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State at the City of Austin this the 29th day of November A. D. 1853 of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year

James. W. Henderson

By the Governor
Wm. M. Dewree.
Secretary of State

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The State of Texas

Whereas, at the last Fall term of the District Court holden in and for the County of Limestone, in Said State, one James Sellers was prosecuted on an indictment for an assault, and upon the trial thereof, was convicted, and sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars: and whereas the said Sellers, from his inability to pay said fine, has been lodged in the County jail of Said County, where he is now confined:

Now, therefore, be it known, that, I James. W. Henderson Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in compliance with the petition of a number of respectable Citizens of said County, as well as other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do hereby remit the said fine of one hundred and fifty dollars and direct that the said James Sellers be discharged from all further liability for and on account of the same, provided he first pay all costs attending his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, including such fee as may be due the District Attorney:

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Limestone is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court (On payment of the Costs and attorneys fee as aforesaid) as will give due effect to this remission of said fine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at the city of Austin this 9th day of December A.D. 1853, of the independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year

James. W. Henderson

Seal

By the Governor

Wm. H. Sumner

Secy of State

James P. Henderson
Governor of the State of Texas

To His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Tennessee _____ Greeting:—

Whereas, by a duly certified Copy of a Bill of indictment found by the Grand Jury of Rusk County in the State of Texas, at the Spring term 1853, of the District Court holden in and for the County and State aforesaid, which said Copy is hereunto annexed, and which I certify to be authentic, One Riley Pierce is Charged with having Committed the Crime of murder in said County and State, and Stephen. D. Ruff, Albert Pierce and David Pierce are Charged with having been accessary to said Crime, and Consequently guilty of murder.

And whereas it appears that said Stephen. D. Ruff has fled from justice, and is now to be found in the State of Tennessee, where he has taken refuge:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the United States of the 12th of February 1793, I have to demand that your Excellency will cause the said Stephen. D. Ruff to be arrested, Secured and delivered up to Samuel Curtis. Esqr, the bearer of these presents, who is authorized to receive said fugitive, and Conduct him to the State of Texas, in order that he may be dealt with according to Law

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State at the City of Austin, this the eleventh day of December A.D. 1853, of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year

James. P. Henderson

Seal

By the Governor
Thos H Duval
Secry of State

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James. H. Henderson
Governor of the State of Texas

To His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Georgia. Greeting

Whereas, by a duly certified Copy of a Bill of Indictment found by the Grand Jury of Rusk County in the State of Texas at the Spring term 1853 of the District Court holden in and for the County and State aforesaid, which said Copy is hereunto annexed and which I Certify to be authentic one William. I. Barry is Charged with having committed the Crime of Murder in said County and State, and John. B. Renfro is Charged with being Accessory to said Crime

And whereas it appears that said William I Barry has fled from justice, and is now to be found in the State of Georgia where he has taken refuge

Now, therefore, by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the United State of the 12th of February 1793, I have to demand that your Excellency will cause the said William. I. Barry to be arrested, secured and delivered up to William. B. Pace the bearer of these presents, who is authorized to receive said fugitive, and Conduct him to the State of Texas in order that he may be dealt with according to Law

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State at the City of Austin this the fifteenth day of December A.D. 1853 of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year.

James. H. Henderson

Seal

By the Governor
Wm. H. Duvall
Secry of State

State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall term A.D 1851 of the District Court holden in and for the County of Henderson in said State one William Steelman was prosecuted on an Indictment for an assault with intent to Kill and upon the trial thereof was convicted and sentenced to the State Penitentiary

Now, therefore, be it known that I James. P. Henderson Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do, for satisfactory reasons to me appearing, hereby grant a full pardon to the said William Steelman, and direct that he be discharged from all further Confinement under the sentence aforesaid

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Henderson, is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court, as may be necessary and proper to give due effect to this pardon: and the officers of said Penitentiary having the charge and custody of the said William Steelman are hereby directed to discharge him from all further confinement and custody, and for so doing this shall be their sufficient warrant

This act of Executive Clemency is not to be so Construed as to release the said William Steelman from the payment of all such costs and charges as may have accrued, and be legally due and owing on account of his prosecution and Conviction as aforesaid, including the fee of the District Attorney

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set My hand, and caused the great Seal of State to be affixed Done at the City of Austin this the 20th day of December A.D. 1853, of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 13th year

James. P. Henderson

By the Governor
Tho. H. Duvall
Secy of State

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State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall term 1850 of the District Court holden in and for the County of Travis in said State, one Andrew. J. Snider was prosecuted on an Indictment for forgery, and before the trial thereof, gave bond for his appearance at the next term of the Court, in the sum of five hundred dollars, and appearing the said cause was continued until the next term of said Court

Now, therefore, be it known, that I James P Henderson Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution of said State, and in compliance with the petition of a number of respectable citizens of said County as well as other satisfactory reasons to me appearing, do, hereby remit the forfeiture of said bond, of five hundred dollars, and direct that the securities on said bond, William A Cushney, William Baker, William Lawrence, Earnest Raven Josiah Fish, Archibald Martin and Elijah Reed, be discharged from all further liability for and on account of said Andrew. J. Snider

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Travis, is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court. Nothing in this however shall exempt the said Andrew J Snider from further prosecution, he appearing, the securities paying all costs and Commissions

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed. Done at the city of Austin, this the 20th day of December A.D. 1853 of the Independence of the United States the 78th. and of Texas the 18th year

James P Henderson

By the Governor

Tho. H Duval

Secy of State

State Department

Oath of office of the Secretary of State

I Edward Clark do Solemnly Swear, That I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform, all the duties incumbent on me as Secretary of State of the State of Texas, according to the best of my Skill and ability agreeably to the Constitution and Laws of the United State and of this State: And I do further Solemnly Swear that Since the adoption of the Constitution by the Congress of the United States, I being a Citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State, nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a Challange to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I ~~acted~~ as second in Carrying a Challenge, or Aided, advised or assisted, any person thus offending— So help me God.

Edward Clark

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the 22nd day of December A.D. 1873

R.T. Wheeler
Associate Justice
Supreme Court

State of Texas
Executive Department

Whereas representations have been made to this Department by the Commissioners of Pilots for the Port of Brazos Santiago, and sundry other persons, that William Leitch one of the Brazos Pilots at said Port of Brazos Santiago is incompetent and unworthy of said trust, and that the public interest will be subserved by his summary removal from office.

Now therefore, Be it known that I E M Pease Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority conferred on me by the provisions of "An act for the Regulation of Pilots" approved the 17th day of April 1846, have, and by these presents do hereby remove the said William Leitch from the office of Brazos Pilot for the Port of Brazos Santiago now held by him.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of State to be affixed, Done at the City of Austin this the fifth day of January A.D. 1854 and of the Independence of the United States the 78th, and of Texas the 18th year

E M Pease

By the Governor
Edward Clark
Secry of State

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Executive Department
Austin January 16th 1854

E M Pease
Governor of the State of Texas
To His Excellency the Governor of Louisiana ——— Greeting,

Whereas, it appears by the annexed documents, which are hereby certified to be authentic, that Arthur S. Moore Stands Charged with an assault with intent to kill and murder. Committed upon one James. H. Wilson, Committed in the State of Texas, and information having been received, that the said Arthur S Moore has fled from justice, and taken refuge in the State of Louisiana.

Therefore. I, E M Pease Governor of the State of Texas, have thought proper in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to demand the surrender of the said Arthur S. Moore as a fugitive from justice, and that he be delivered to James H Wilson. who is hereby appointed the Agent on the part of the State to receive him

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State, affixed at the City of Austin this the 16th day of January A D. One thousand Eight hundred and fifty four and of the Independence of the United States the Seventy Eighth and of Texas the Eighteenth year.

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By the Governor
Edward Clark
Secy of State

E M Pease

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The Governor of the State of Texas
To the Hon Sam Houston Austin Jany 15. 1854
&
Hon Thomas J. Rusk
Sent.

On the 5th of February 1853 a joint Resolution was passed by the Legislature directing "That application in behalf of this State be immediately made to the Congress of the United States, through our Senators and Representatives in Congress requesting that honorable body to make an appropriation of twenty six thousand and seventy five dollars, the same being due to this State, as a balance of the claim liquidated and established between the two governments prior to annexation, in the case of the recapture of goods by citizens of the United States, introduced into Texas in contravention of her revenue laws, and seized by her Collector of Customs at Brazos Landing on Red River in the Spring of Eighteen hundred and fifty three"

The same Resolution also directed that Copies of the Governors Message and the documents refered to therein, applicable to said Claim, and the report of the Committee of the Legislature to which said Message and documents were refered, should be furnished to our Senators and Representatives in Congress

I understand that Copies of this Resolution and of the accompanying documents were not furnished to our Senators and Representatives in Congress by my predecessor because the report of the Attorney General, which was one of said documents, and contained a detailed history of the origin and liquidation of said claim, was mislaid and could not be found

This report has recently been found, and I now forward you a copy of said Resolution and the accompanying documents and respectfully request that you will cause them to be laid before the Congress, and endeavor to procure the appropriation desired by the Legislature

A schedule of said documents will be found contained in the certificate of the Secretary of State accompanying them.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your obt Servt
E. M. Pease

Hon Senate & H. R. U. States
I have the honor to be addressed to the Hon. George

Austin Jany 17th 1854

His Excellency of the State of Texas

To

Robert S Neighbors Esq. Indian Agent

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of sending you, enclosed, a copy of an extract from a communication addressed by D Merriwether Governor of New Mexico, to the Commissioners of Indian affairs at Washington City, containing a narrative of the capture by the Comanche Indians, within the limits of this State, of Mrs Jane Wilson of Hunt County, and two boys, one aged twelve years and the other seven, and also of the sufferings, and escape of Mrs W.

This extract was received at this office last evening, in a letter from Governor Merriwether dated 13th of December 1853. It appears that Mrs Wilson, after almost incredible sufferings, arrived at Santa Fé, on the 3rd December 1853, where she was hospitably received and kindly entertained, but the two boys were still with the Indians when the Governor wrote, although he had taken measures to effect their recovery, an account of which will be found in his Communication.

Humanity requires that every effort should be made to liberate these boys from their Cruel Captivity, and restore them to their friends.

This outrage having occurred within the limits of your agency. I feel it to be my duty to call your attention to the facts and to request that you will from this Cause such measures to be adopted as will insure their early release and restoration to their home.

Governor Merriwether suggests that his intention to send the traders back to the Indians with a view to the rescue of the two boys, as well as all other portions of his communication to the Commissioner, except the narrative of Mrs Wilson, be considered as confidential, as a different course might defeat his object, and endanger the lives of the traders, but I have thought it best that you should be put in possession of all the facts, leaving to your discretion, not to make public those parts of his Communication that he suggests should be regarded as confidential.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Your obt servt

E M Pease

The State of Texas

Whereas, It has been certified to me, According to Law, that there is no Competent Court, for the trial and adjudication of the case, No. 9. Styled Damain Power exec Vs Sarah D Smith admx Vs. now pending before the Supreme Court of this State, at the City of Galveston, in Consequence of the Hon. Chief Justice Stanbell and Hon Justice Wheeler being divided in opinion— and Hon Justice Lipscomb being incompetent to sit

Now therefore, to the end that a trial and determination of said cause may be had, I E.M. Pease, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of said State, do hereby appoint and Commission Pryor Lea Esquire, a gentleman Learned in the Law as a Special Justice, to sit in the trial of said cause, and determine the same

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this the 16th day of January A.D. 1857 of the Independence of the United States the 78th, and of Texas the 18th year

E.M. Pease

By the Governor

Edward Clark

Secretary of State

State of Texas

Executive Department

Whereas, representations have been made to the Department by sundry persons, that John. V. Singer, Wreck Master for the Port of Brazos Santiago in the County of Cameron, does not possess the Confidence of the Commercial Community as Wreck Master— That he is incompetent to discharge the duties of said trust, and that he has removed some thirty miles from said Port of Brazos Santiago, and that the public interest will be Subserved by his Summary removal from Office

Now, therefore, I E. M. Pease, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority Confered on me by the Constitution and Laws, have, and by these presents do hereby Remove the said John. V. Singer, from the office of Wreck-Master for the Port of Brazos Santiago, now held by him

In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand, and Caused the Great Seal of the State to be Affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 2nd day of January A.D. 1874, and of the Independence of the United States the 78th and of Texas the 18th year

E. M. Pease

Seal

By the Governor

Edward Clark

Secy of State

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas

Whereas, "An act to provide for the Construction of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad" was passed by the Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved the 21st of December 1853, which act appropriates to any Company who may Construct a railroad from some point on the Eastern line of the State, not North of the town of Fulton in Arkansas to a suitable point on the Rio Grande at or near the town of El Paso, crossing the rivers Trinity, Brazos and Colorado as near the 32d degree of North Latitude as practicable, and put the same in Complete Operation, 20 Sections of land of 640 acres to the Section, for each mile of said road and also a right of way, not exceeding 300 feet in width, along the entire length of said road through the public lands of the State, and also all the material of every description, on the public lands in the vicinity of said road, while they remain the property of the State, for the uses and purposes of said road, in its Construction and in supplying it with the necessary furniture and machinery, but no timber on the alternate Sections reserved to the State to be used after the completion of the road, except upon the three hundred feet granted as the right of way All of the unappropriated public lands of the State, between the 31st and 33d degrees of North Latitude and East of the 103d degree of Longitude West from Greenwich, and between the parallels of 30 degrees and 30 minutes and 32 degrees of North latitude, and West of said 103d degree of longitude, are reserved from location until the track of said road is selected, after which all of said unappropriated land within 30 miles on each side of said road is reserved and so soon as said track is located, the Company contracting for said road is to cause said reservation to be surveyed into Sections of 640 acres each, said Sections to be in a square and those adjoining the road to front one mile thereon and no more, unless prevented by surveys made previous to the passage of said act; and when said Company shall have Completed 10 miles of said road, they may patent 20 Sections of land for each mile so completed, to be taken in alternate Sections on either

no two sections shall join each other except at one corner, which shall be patented to said Company or their assigns, free of Cost, and in like manner for each section until the road is completed; and in Case there is not sufficient vacant land in said reservation to give said Company the land to which they may be entitled, they shall receive the deficiency in Certificates of 640 acres each, which they may locate on any other vacant land of the State, at the Cost of the Company, so that no two sections shall join, except at one Corner; said lands to be alienated by the Company, one-fourth in six, one fourth in eight, one fourth in ten and one fourth in twelve years after their selection. The said act requires the said road to be of the first Class and Constructed in the most substantial manner, with all the necessary appurtenances, Locomotives, passenger and freight Cars adapted to the business to be done, the rails to be of the best quality, weighing not less than 64 pounds to the yard, 50 miles to be finished and put in Complete Operation within eighteen months after the Contract for building the road is entered into, and at least 100 miles to be finished and put in Complete operation in like manner every year thereafter until the whole is Completed. When the Company Commence receiving toll on any section of 50 miles, they are to have the same, at all times, in good repair, and a sufficient number of suitable Carriages and vehicles for the transportation of persons and property. The Company who Contract to build said road, their associates and successors, and those who may become Stock holders in said Company, are declared by said act to be a Corporation for the term of 99 years, by the Style of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad Company with the rights, powers and privileges necessary for the purpose of said act, and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the United States or any State throug which said road may be Constructed. The Capital Stock of said Corporation to be fifteen millions of dollars, which may be increased to any sum not exceeding the entire amount expended on said road, to be divided into shares of 100 dollars each, which shall be deemed personal property, and may be subscribed for, issued and transferred as may be prescribed by the by-laws of said Company. The said Company are required within 60 days after entering into a contract for the Construction of said road, to deposit with the Treasurer of this State

at least 300.000 dollars in gold or silver, or evidences of debt of the State of Texas, or good bar iron, as a guaranty that 50 miles shall be constructed and in complete order for business within eighteen months from the date of the contract to be forfeited in case of failure, and to be returned to the Company in case said 50 miles is completed according to the terms of the Contract. In case the Company fail to make this deposit, the Contract to be null and void. If the Company fail to finish the road as specified in the Contract then the Contract, with the powers, privileges and immunities together with such parts of the road as may have been constructed with all its machinery and appurtenances to be forfeited to the State, reserving however, to the Company the right to prosecute and defend all suits and rights or liabilities which may have accrued or been incurred prior to said forfeiture. Said act authorizes the road to be constructed through the lands of individuals or Corporations, and provides the mode of making Compensation for the same, not exceeding 300 feet in width

And Whereas, the said act makes it the duty of the Governor to invite proposals from Companies or individuals for the construction of said road, to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State at such times as he may direct not later than the first of August 1854, and also makes it his duty to select from the proposals, that one which in his judgment, under all the circumstances of the case, shall offer the strongest assurances and guaranties that the road will be promptly and satisfactorily built according to the provisions of said act, all of which will appear by a reference to said act, copies of which may be seen at the office where this advertisement is published.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the provisions of said act, notice is hereby given, that proposals from Companies or individuals, for the construction of said road, in accordance with the provisions of said act and the laws of this State, will be received at the office of the Secretary of State, until the first day of May 1854 Said proposals must specify the time at which the work shall commence, the number of miles to be finished and place in running order within the first eighteen months after the contract is entered

into, and each year thereafter, and at what time the entire road shall be completed, together with the amount proposed to be deposited in the Treasury of this State according to the terms of said act, to be forfeited in case 50 miles of the road shall not be completed within eighteen months from the time of entering into the Contract. Said proposals must be sealed and directed to the Secretary of State, Austin, Texas, and endorsed "proposals for the construction of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad" A selection from said proposals will be made as early as practicable after the first of May 1854 and the Company or individuals whose proposals may be selected, will be required to enter into a Contract in accordance with the provisions of said act, and the laws of this State previous to the first of June, 1854

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Austin, this 18th day of January A D 1854

Seal

E. H. Pease

By the Governor
Edward Clark
Secretary of State

Note. The following papers were requested to publish the foregoing Proclamation for six weeks provided they do not charge more than $60.00
New Orleans Delta, Charleston Mercury, Washington Union, Boston Statesman, New York Journal of Commerce, The Pennsylvanian
Feby 17, 1854 The following papers in Texas were requested to publish the above for Six weeks provided the cost did not amount to more than $60.00
viz. Northern Standard, Nacogdoches Chronicle & Galveston News.

Texas Legislature. An act to provide for the organization of the Eastern Division of the Mississippi & Pacific Railroad Company, and to provide for the construction of the same. Approved January 18th 1854.

State Department February 1st 1854

Copies of a Joint Resolution. "Instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress" (Was forwarded to our delegation in Congress) Instructing them to procure the passage of a law, Changing the Collectoral District of Brazos San Tiago from Point Isabel to Brownsville on the Rio Grande.

Executive Department
State of Texas,
Austin February 2. A.D. 1854.

I, E.M. Pease, Governor of the State of Texas, one of the States of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws, hereby certify, make known and declare to all to whom these presents shall come, That Rudolph is a resident citizen of the State of Texas and of the United States of America, and that he is entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities to such citizenship belonging or in any wise appertaining. The said Rudolph is about twenty eight years of age, about six feet high, has a full forehead, blue eyes, sharp nose, small mouth, round chin, brown hair, oval face and sanguine bilious complexion.

Rudolph Passport to Mexico given Feby 2. 1854.

The said Rudolph being desirous of travelling in the Republic of Mexico, I, the said Governor of Texas, do most respectfully and earnestly request the President, Governors and other Magistrates of said Republic, and citizens generally, to permit the said Rudolph to pass into and through any State of the said Republic of Mexico, and to give him in his life, person and property the protection of its laws.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the second day of February A.D. 1854, and of the Independence of the United States the Seventy Eighth, and of Texas the Eighteenth year.

L.S.

E.M. Pease.

By the Governor.
Ed Clark
Secretary of State

Proclamation
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Proclamt ordering Election in 14th District for Judge & Dist Atty —

Whereas, by an act passed at the present session of the Legislature and approved on the 7th day of February, A.D. 1854, entitled, "an act to create the Fourteenth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to fix the time of holding the Courts therein," said District to be composed of the Counties of Nueces, San Patricio, Refugio, Goliad and Karnes, it is made the duty of the Governor, immediately after the passage of said act, to issue his proclamation ordering an election to be held in the several Counties composing the said Fourteenth Judicial District, on the third Monday in March, 1854, for the election of a District Judge and a District Attorney for the said Judicial District.

Now, Therefore, be it known that I, E. M. Pease, Governor of the State of Texas, do, in obedience to the requirements of the above recited law, hereby order and direct that the Chief Justices, (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners,) of the several Counties composing the said Fourteenth Judicial District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties, on Monday, the twentieth day of March, A.D. 1854, for the election of a District Judge and a District Attorney for said Judicial District.

And the Chief Justices, (or in case of vacancy of said office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners,) of the several Counties aforesaid, will promptly make duplicate returns of the election held in their respective Counties for the election of a District Judge and District Attorney as aforesaid, (so that the same reach the Seat of Government by or before the thirtieth day after said election,) carefully sealed up, one of which returns will be transmitted by them to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election of — County for Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District," and, "Election returns of — County for District Attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District," and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.

Supply Clerk of Each County in the 14th Judicial District with a copy of this Proclamation & the laws creating the 14th Judicial District & directed to be printed at the Regular Session.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the 8th day of February A.D. 1854

E. M. Pease.

(L.S.)

By the Governor

E. Clark

Secretary of State.

Copies of deeds mortgaged Feby 8. 1854.

Joint Resolution of Legislature, entitling P.A.Pate to moneys of the Post Government for S.C.Trone & N.A.Scarborough for grain destroyed by U.S. Soldiers in Tallahassee in Dec. 1837.

Copies of deeds received Feby 23/54.

Joint Resolution for the Construction of Roads
No 6287.

The State of Texas
To all and singular the Sheriffs, Constables and other
civil Officers of said State Greeting:

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me by H. Millard the Governor of the State of Louisiana, that Samuel White late of Saint Mary's Louisiana stands charged by Indictment found in the District Court of the Sixteenth Judicial District of said State
Parish of
and now fled from the Justice and jurisdiction of said State
the arrest of with the crime of Robbery, and that the said Samuel White has fled
from justice in said State and has taken refuge in the State of
Texas. And whereas the said Governor of the State of Louisiana,
has in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States, has
duly demanded of me that I cause the said Samuel White to be arrested
22nd July and delivered to H. Millard the duly authorized agent appointed by said Governor of the State of Louisiana to receive the
1854. said White into his custody and convey him to the State of Louisiana. And whereas the said requisition and demand
is accompanied by a copy of said Indictment, duly certified as authentic by the said Governor of the said State
of Louisiana. Now therefore I, E. M. Pease, Governor
of the State of Texas do by virtue of the authority vested
in me by the Constitution and laws of this State and
of the United States, hereby command all and singular the aforesaid
Sheriffs, Constables and other civil officers
of this State to arrest, and hold and secure in custody
the said Samuel White, and to deliver him, when demanded
by the said H. Millard, Agent of said State of Louisiana, in order that he may be taken home to
said State of Louisiana to be dealt with for said
crime of Robbery according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 22nd day of July A.D. 1854, and in the
Seal of the Independence of the United States the seventy eighth and of Texas the eighth.

E. M. Pease

By the Governor
H. Cook
Secretary of State.

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The State of Texas.

To all and singular the Sheriffs, Constables and other civil officers of said State, Greeting.

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me by His Excellency the Governor of the State of Louisiana, That Samuel White late of said State of Louisiana, stands charged by Indictment found in the District Court of the Eighteenth Judicial District of said State in and for the Parish of Natchitoches in said State, with crime of Robbery, and that the said Samuel White has fled from justice in said State and has taken refuge in the State of Texas.

Command of order for delivery of said White to S.H. Howard, & order to hold him in custody for order of Gov of La.

And whereas the said Governor of the State of Louisiana, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States, has demanded of me that I cause the said Samuel White to be arrested and delivered to S. H. Howard the duly authorized agent appointed by said Governor of the State of Louisiana to receive the said White into custody and convey him to the State of Louisiana, and whereas the said representation and demand are accompanied by a copy of Indictment duly certified as authentic by the said Governor of the said State of Louisiana.

And Whereas I. C. M. Reese Governor of the State of Texas, did heretofore, towit: on the twenty second day of February 1854. by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State and of the United States, issue a warrant commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other Civil officers of this State to arrest and to aid and assist in arresting the said Samuel White and to deliver him when arrested to the said S. H. Howard agent of said State of Louisiana, in order that he may be taken back to said State of Louisiana to be dealt with for said crime of Robbery according to law. And Whereas it has been made known to me since the said warrant was issued, that there is an Indictment for murder pending against said S. H. Howard in the County of Bell in this State, and that the said White has been required to appear as a witness against said Howard on the prosecution of

said Indictment, which State of facts makes said Howard improper agent to receive said White under the requisition of said Governor of Louisiana and convey him to said State.

Now therefore I do hereby revoke and countermand the said Warrant issued by me on the twenty second day of February 1854. and issue this my warrant in lieu thereof, Commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other civil officers of this State to arrest and to aid and assist in arresting the said Samuel White and keeping him securely until Notice of said arrest can be given to the said Governor of the State of Louisiana and a suitable agent shall be sent by said Governor to receive said White and take him back to Louisiana, in order that he may be there dealt with for said Crime of Robbery according to law.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the twenty fifth day of February A.D. 1854. and in the Year of the United States the Seventy eighth and of Texas the Eighteenth.

E. M. Pease

By the Governor

Ed Clark

Secretary of State.

Sent copy to Each. Feby 27 1854.

Joint Resolution in relation to Mail route from Smithfield Rusk to Huntsville in Walker County, passed by 5th Legislature and required to be sent to our delegation in Congress

Executive Department
Austin, March 2nd 1854.

The State of Texas.

Whereas at the November Term 1852. of the District Court of Bastrop County in said State, a judgement was rendered in favor of the State of Texas against C. C. Perry and John R. Slocomb for the sum of one hundred dollars besides costs, which judgment was subsequently taken to the Supreme Court by writ of Error and then affirmed on the 21st of November 1853. and whereas said judgement was rendered upon a bond executed by the said Perry and Slocomb as sureties for the appearance of one Asa. W. Winn at the said Bastrop District Court to answer a charge for an assault and Battery which said bond was forfeited.

And whereas satisfactory evidence has been produced to me, that the said Winn departed this life previous to the time when the said judgement was rendered in said Bastrop District Court although his death was not then known to said Perry and Slocomb.

Now therefore Be it known that I. E. M. Pease Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit the said forfeiture and the judgement rendered thereon against the said Perry and Slocomb excepting the costs, and upon said original judgement and affirmance thereof, and also the legal commissions of the District Attorney and Attorney General, and Clerk of the District Court of Bastrop County in favor of the State

such entries upon the records of said Court, under the direction of the Judges thereof, as will give full effect to this commission whereas the said Perry and Sloan or either of them shall have paid to the said Clerk for the use of the persons entitled thereto, all the costs taxed upon said judgment and the affirmance thereof, and the legal commissions of the District Attorney and Attorney General.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the second day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the Seventy Eighth and of Texas the Nine-Fenth Year

E. M. Pease

By the Governor

E. Clark

Secretary of State.

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May 21st "	28	"	Ordering an election for a Representative for the 4th Dist.
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July 20th "	41	"	Ordering an election for a Representative
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Mch 26th "	87	"	Appointing Geo D Wood the agent of the State to collect the amount due by the United State to Texas for Military Services of certain Companies
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